

Academy of Lifelong Learning

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The North Harris Montgomery County Community College District (NHMCCD) provides a variety of courses and experiences that encourage lifelong learning and address the needs of the community and the workplace. NHMCCD includes North Harris College, Kingwood College, Tomball College, Cy-Fair College, and Montgomery College; the network allows students to attend classes online or at a local campus. North Harris Continuing Education Programs include everything from Motorcycle Safety and Recreation to Truck Driving and Teacher Certification. There are certificate programs and in depth technical programs.

The Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) is designed to meet the needs of area senior adults by providing a learning environment of continued personal and intellectual growth. Yearly membership varies by college and entitles the member to register for the free courses described in their monthly schedules.

North Harris membership requirement was \$15 and age 55, they will hold a Fall Open House will be in the Library Gallery on Sunday, July 30 from 3:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. A membership at the Kingwood College ALL program was published at \$5 for the year with a 55+ age requirement. Cy-Fair College had a \$10 membership fee and 50+ age requirement, they list several benefits beyond the free coursework including sharing your own knowledge as an instructor, studying with others, and developing friendships. Tomball College's ALL program is 15 dollars but the age requirement is only 50+; they are holding their open house on August 24th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Beckendorf Conference Center Rm. 168.

By far the most developed program seems to be at Montgomery College where the membership was \$35 last year including other course discounts, access to MC services, activities, and functions such as field trips, theatre outings, music, languages, and current events. The Montgomery College program is an outgrowth of the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) and affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network; Montgomery College boasts the only ILR affiliated program in the Houston Region.

If you are interested in teaching a course for ALL, contact Marcy Delesandri at 281.618.5735 (Marcy.Delesandri@nhmccd.edu).

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