



Summer Learning Opportunities

Opportunity comes knocking

Summer learning options abound

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What in the world is a summer learning opportunity? I'm thinking that should be obvious, but every time I enter the conversation, questions come up. What do you mean by summer, someone will ask? Is that July and August? What about June? May?

And just what do you mean by the oh-so-correct sounding "learning opportunity?" What's up with that? Do you mean "school?" Do you mean on some campus somewhere? Do you mean for academic credit? Are we talking arts and crafts or PhDs or something in between?

Baffled and befuddled, I solemnly nod my head "yes." Yes to May, June, July and August. Yes to school. Yes to online programs. Yes to campus-based studies. Yes to travel. Yes to modular courses. Yes to serious academic work. Yes to professional upgrades. Yes to comfort. Yes to hardship. Yes to special interests of all sorts. Yes. Yes. Yes.

This is exactly the point, isn't it? Summer (broadly speaking) is a wonderful time to expand the mind. Thankfully, there is an incredible range of learning opportunities available for anyone so inclined to pursue them. Anyone with half a mind to do so has

an opportunity to develop a full one (mind, that is). Go for it.

The variety of offerings from schools is astounding. Whole realms of learning lie waiting for ordinary people like us to discover them.

In fact, some schools refer to us as "non-traditional learning audiences." I think that refers to people like me who have a job and don't get out to school very often. It means people in remote locations, who find it hard to show up on campus. It

means people trying to juggle study with all kinds of other commitments.

It sounds a lot like your average Canadian Christian.


Summer learning opportunities are most assuredly not "one-size-fits-all." They're more like "come as you are." They beckon us who have other commitments, but who relish the idea of upgrad-

ing and flourishing. They offer teaching we can benefit from.

A summer learning opportunity is not a mash-them-through-the-program-to-get-the-letters-after-your-name appeal. It is opportunity come knocking. People who yearn for wisdom welcome the countless opportunities our schools are creating that enable us to fit lifelong learning into our busy lifestyles and bargain budgets.

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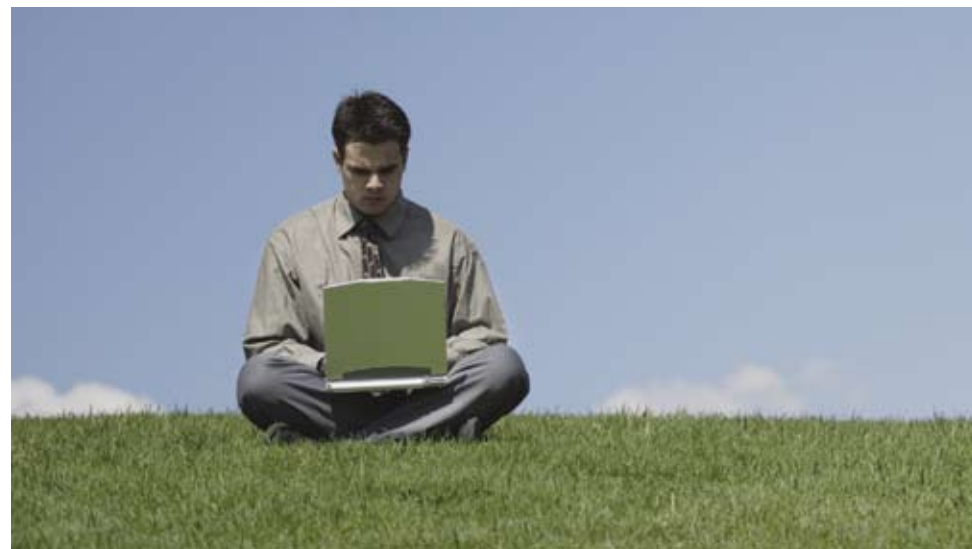
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This summer at Christian schools...

The warmer months of the year aren't only for the holiday-bound. Many students take advantage of universities' and colleges' off-season to take a variety of summer courses.

Students are often able to begin their degrees early, or get caught up on courses missed during the regular academic year. Others jump at the opportunity to take classes from instructors and professors visiting from other institutions. Many schools provide time to get away from the classroom for learning adventures on the road.

Following is a sample of what many Canadian, Christian schools have on offer for the summer, and what previous participants have said about those offerings.

CANADA INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS, Langley, B.C.

Canada Institute of Linguistics is the linguistics department of Trinity Western University. We provide training for Wycliffe Bible Translators, SIL International, other international service organizations and for other individuals interested in language and culture-related careers. We offer full degrees and a unique summer program.

We specialize in Bible translation, linguistics, endangered language preservation, literacy development and TESL. First summer courses provide core training in phonetics, language learning and other foundational language skills for cross-cultural language work. Additional courses can be taken in subsequent summers. Our summer training packages provide the training needed to meet pre-field requirements for a number of organizations.

We also offer a strong sense of community as a fundamental aspect of the summer learning experience. Students and faculty are encouraged to eat together, play together, hang out and study together. Staff even plan a party for students, who do the same for the staff at a later date. We also have a variety of music and movie nights.

Academically, all courses are accredited through Trinity Western University, which was recently awarded a grade of A+ for "quality of education" by *The Globe and Mail*.

CAREY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, Vancouver, B.C.

"The world is changing and the means by which we acquire our education is also shifting," writes Carey president Brian F. Stelck. "Women and men should be able to access quality theological education wherever they live, work and enjoy community. ... We want to facilitate flexible, accessible degrees for lay and clergy. Modular, intensive, online and cluster classes...are supportive of today's expectations of life-long learning."

This spring and summer Carey Theological College offers courses in its Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Doctor of Ministry programs, including Urban Mission and Ministry (Tom Dickau, May 24-27), Awakening to the Inward Journey (Bowen Island, Barbara Mutch, June 6-13) and Vital Spirituality for Christians, Congregations and Communities (Diana Butler Bass, June 13-17).

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Executive Management for Church Leaders	Paul Bates	May 30 - June 3
Prayer and the Practice of Ministry	Rev. Jim Horsthuis Ph.D. (Cand.)	May 30 - June 3
Marriage and Family Counselling in a Church Context	Dr. Wade Rowatt	June 20 - 24
Pastoral Care with Persons in Crises	Dr. Wade Rowatt	June 27 - 30
Creating a Healthier Church	Rev. Dr. Franklin Pyles	July 4 - 8

Biblical Studies

Paul and His Journeys: Study Tour to Turkey and Greece	Dr. Cynthia Westfall	April 28 - May 12
"A Light to the Nations": The Old Testament Theme of Mission	Joel Barker, Ph.D. (Cand.)	May 2 - 6
Apocryphal Gospels	Dr. Hans Förster	May 9 - 13
Pastoral Epistles	Dr. Brice Martin	May 30 - June 3
God Dwells Among Us: Community and Theology in the Letters of John	Beth Stovell, Ph.D. (Cand.)	June 6 - 10
Pentateuch	Dr. Gus Konkel	June 20 - 24

Theological Studies

Christian Thought and Practice in the Context of Globalization [includes req'd attendance at the Theology Conference - Saturday, June 11]	Nikola Caric	June 6 - 11
World Religions & Christian Thought	Rev. Dr. Prince Conteh	June 13 - 17
Early Christian Spirituality	Dr. Shawn Keough	July 4 - 8

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HERITAGE COLLEGE & SEMINARY, Cambridge, ON

Summer is shaping up to be an exciting time of learning at Heritage College and Seminary. Six spring and summer courses offer a wide assortment of topics, from disciple-making to wisdom literature to counselling.

In early May the seminary will offer “The Educational Ministry of the Church,” a look at a formative approach to disciple-making, “Issues and Trends in Missions,” which will explore past and present issues and trends in missions, “and “Wisdom Literature,” a course that includes the study of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon with emphasis on the wisdom they bring to our present culture.

Mid-May will feature “Evangelical Spirituality,” a course that examines some of the great movements of evangelicalism, including The Reformation and the Great Awakening, Puritanism and Evangelicalism.

The end of May and early June features two counselling courses, “Addictions” and “Assessment and Measurement.” The first explores the issue of addictions from a theological/spiritual and clinical perspective, while the latter is an introduction to the purpose and process of assessment and evaluation in working with individuals, couples, families and groups.

MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE, Hamilton, ON

McMaster Divinity College offers an active summer program. The Summer at MacDiv program is designed to offer a further range of options both for traditional students and for those who wish to explore various areas of theological education.

A variety of courses are offered during the summer sessions within the curricular areas of Ministry Studies, Biblical Studies and Theological Studies. Summer courses, however, draw upon the availability of visiting faculty, who come specifically to McMaster Divinity College to offer courses in their areas of specialty. As a result, the summer sessions offer many courses that would not normally be available during the regular academic year and may not be available again.

Courses offered during the summer session carry the regular unit credits and are applicable to McMaster Divinity College degree programs subject to the requirements of the particular degree.

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE & SEMINARY, Otterburne, MB

“If ‘time is of the essence’ and you want a quality course with a Christian emphasis in a serene, country setting—hard work notwithstanding—take TESOL this summer at Providence,” says student Frieda Martens.

“I finished my summer 2010 TESOL requirements in February 2011. This practical course, taught by outstanding professors, dealt with all aspects of language study. It added much to my ‘language kit,’” she says.

The TESOL program at Providence recently received renewed program recognition from its accrediting body. TESL Canada Federation is responsible for ensuring that TESOL teacher education programs across Canada meet national professional standards. Providence’s program has moved from a Standard 1, and is now certified at a Standard 3, the highest standard.

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A CHORD OF THREE STRANDS, Redeemer’s annual special education conference, will take place on April 9. Parents, educators and anyone else with an interest in special education is welcome. To register, visit www.redeemer.ca/spec-ed-conference.

CONTINUING TEACHER EDUCATION: Redeemer provides a variety of professional development opportunities for educators.

SUMMER INSTITUTE – Professional Development for Christian Educators (July 4 – 22): Build community, grow in your craft and discuss the challenges of teaching with a diverse group of educators. Classes are 1-3 weeks long.

AQ COURSES: Redeemer offers a number of Additional Qualification (AQ) courses through a blended on-line and in-class format. Discover a learning atmosphere that promotes open and critical inquiry within a Christian framework.

AQ offerings for Spring/Summer 2011:

- Special Education – Communication – Autism.
- Registration deadline is April 1

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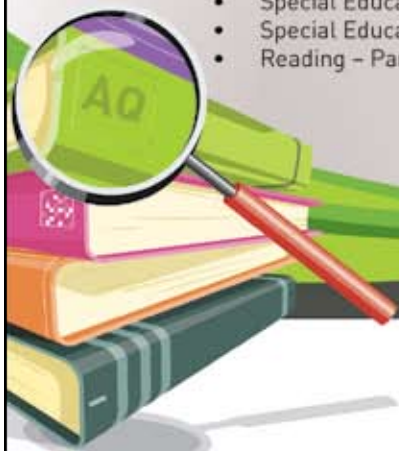
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REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Ancaster, ON

This year Redeemer University College's Summer Session is focusing on continuing education for teachers, offering a number of professional development opportunities in class and online.

The Summer Institute—hosted mainly at Redeemer, but also at satellite campuses in Oakville, Georgetown, Toronto, Ottawa and Windsor—will bring together instructors and teachers from a number of Christian school organizations, professional groups and post-secondary institutions.

Redeemer also offers a number of full-credit undergraduate courses. This summer, those courses range from History of Film to Reformation Theology. Redeemer's continuing education program—CLEAR—will also be offering a series of art workshops for those who wish to hone their skills in painting or photography.

Redeemer is also launching a new Youth Ministry Certificate Program. Offered in conjunction with Youth Unlimited, this program is designed for youth workers and volunteers who are seeking refreshment, wanting to supplement their training, pondering a stronger call or looking to develop an academic background to their skills and experiences.

REGENT COLLEGE, Vancouver, B.C.

"I don't like studying. In fact, I hate it," says a recent Regent summer student. "But I love learning. So, ironically, in the summer of 2009 I did some classes at Regent while I took a break from my job as an early childhood teacher. I took two courses for credit: 'Spiritual Discernment' with Marva Dawn, and 'Food: Creation, Community and Communion' with Loren and Mary-Ruth Wilkinson. I also audited 'Paul and the Gift: An Exploration of Grace in the Theology of Paul' with John Barclay.

"Through these courses, I had my life radically transformed—not straight away—but as I allowed the truths of each course to infiltrate my head and heart, I gained a greater understanding of the Truine God as I began to practice the skills I learned in 'Spiritual Discernment.'

"The 'Food' course gave me a bigger view of creation, hospitality and stewardship which caused me to view food, meals and communion in totally fresh ways, and my understanding of the giftedness and reciprocity of God's grace was deepened by Barclay's class.

"These summer courses gave me the confidence to see that what I learned could be applied to my normal life. I still hate studying, but I don't think I could have experienced God's transformation of my heart in the same way, without taking the time to love Him with my mind."

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Regent College

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