Okaloosa-Walton College offers a variety of non-credit instructional options for individuals and groups wishing to pursue their educational goals outside of the traditional credit programs that lead to degrees and certificates. Courses offered through these options range from personal enrichment, recreation, leisure, and crafts to professional development and customized business/industry training. Courses offered through these options are non-credit and may not be used toward any OWC degree or certificate program. Students enrolled in non-credit courses receive all of the benefits of the regular students, including use of the library, access to special events, and free parking.

**Institute for Professional Development**

The Institute for Professional Development (IPD), coordinated from the Fort Walton Beach campus, is dedicated to serving the specialized training needs of business, industry, government, agencies, and other local entities. The IPD offers custom training programs developed to meet the needs of a specific business, professional group, or other organization, as well as professional development classes for individuals wishing to upgrade their job skills, seek certification in a particular occupation, maintain licensure requirements, or refresh their professional skills in anticipation of an employment change.

Certain classes offered through the Institute carry Continuing Education Units (CEUs). For non-credit courses containing structured, sequential content with appropriate learning objectives targeted to the needs of a specific group or profession, the college may award one CEU for each ten hours of instruction or equivalent. CEU courses are distinct from other non-credit classes and may require additional fees, special eligibility enrollment standards, minimum attendance hours, or other special considerations.

Course fees vary with the type of course offered.

**Recreation and Leisure (Personal Enrichment)**

A variety of non-credit personal enrichment courses are available throughout the year. Topics range from computer skills, fitness, gardening, nutrition, and travel tips, to painting, cooking, foreign languages, safety and first aid, and consumer education. Fees vary with the length and type of course offered; most classes are held on the Niceville campus.

**PRIME TIME (Positive Retirement through Imaginative Education)**

The Prime Time Program offers a wide selection of non-credit courses targeted toward the interests of the 50-plus population. The course offerings are planned by a special Prime Time Curriculum Committee, which considers topics and suggestions of past enrollees and of community members. Fees vary with the length and type of course; enrollments are open to all adults, regardless of age.