# The College of Extended Learning at Rochester College

Accelerated Degree Programs
A Christian Institution



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Welcome to Rochester College

Higher education has changed dramatically during the past few decades. We are now in an era where the number of working adult students out-number traditional students on college campuses.

The needs of working adults are different and therefore academic programs must be built to serve this unique audience. Even though the course objectives are the same, it is clear that working adults require a different style of presentation. Their schedules require class meeting times during evenings and weekends or though on-line courses. When appropriate, the program needs to be delivered at a location convenient to the student.



Ken Johnson, President

This must be done with the knowledge that students and employers insist on receiving the highest educational value for the investment of their time and resources. Rochester College is dedicated to meeting the challenge of extending its academic and Christian mission to meet the needs of the working adult student. Rochester College is pleased to present...

The College of Extended Learning



THE COLLEGE OF EXTENDED LEARNING AT ROCHESTER COLLEGE

800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 800.521,6010 248.218.2222 cel@rc.edu Congratulations on your decision to consider the College of Extended Learning at Rochester College to further your educational goals. We believe that you will be impressed with the quality and structure of the programs that we offer.

The pressures of work, family, church, civic, and community responsibilities make going to college an incredible challenge for many. Despite those constraints, employers expect their employees to obtain degrees with corresponding knowledge and skills. For many, promotions, raises, and other advancement opportunities depend upon it.

Rochester College's programs are designed to meet the unique needs of working adults so that you can reach your education goals.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to show how we can serve your educational needs.

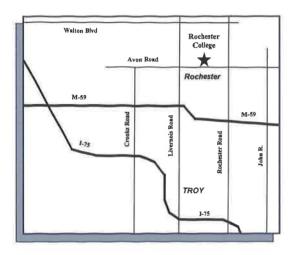
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Dean of the College
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#### Location

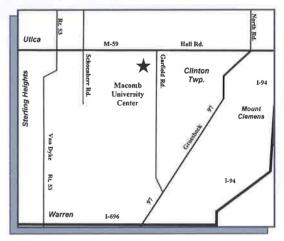
#### Rochester College (Main Campus)

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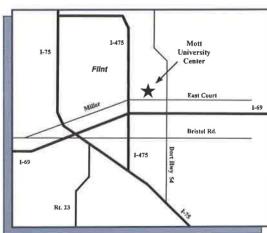
#### Satellite Program

Bachelor of Science in Business Communications
Rochester College at the
Macomb University Center
Macomb Community College
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#### Satellite Program

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
Rochester College at the
Mott University Center
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#### Bachelor of Business Administration with a Management Major

The Bachelor of Business Administration with a management major is a broad-based program offering a versatile education in business and management. The program focuses on the most pressing issues facing business and industry. Attention is given to international, domestic, and regulatory forces that impact executive decisions and which comprise the dynamic environment of the business world. You will be challenged to grasp the fundamentals of business administration while maintaining Christian standards and perspectives.

#### BBA with a Management Major and a Criminal Justice Minor

A separate BBA program with a criminal justice minor is available for people who are primarily employed in law enforcement professions.

#### Bachelor of Science in Counseling Psychology

The Bachelor of Science in counseling psychology is designed for the adult student pursuing a career in a mental health field. Most students who complete this program will choose to go to graduate school with intentions of becoming a psychologist, psychotherapist, professional counselor, or social worker. This program meets the preparatory needs of most graduate schools, although students should consult the graduate school of their choice for specific requirements.

The counseling psychology program is a unique blending of psychology and counseling courses. This program is intended to strengthen your understanding of mental, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of others and how the development of these attributes is impacted by life experiences. All courses are presented from a moral viewpoint, with emphasis on the Christian perspective.

#### Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

The Bachelor of Science in early childhood education is designed to help prepare you for careers in settings that provide education programs for young children. The curriculum focuses on the growth and development of young children and the influence of family dynamics. Education patterns of young children are explored, as well as administration, reporting, and legal issues within the field. This program is offered on the main campus and at the Mott University Center.

#### Bachelor of Science in Business Communications

The Bachelor of Science in business communications provides an upper-level, liberal arts based curriculum that combines with lower-level course work to prepare you with the skills that todays employers are looking for: management, writing, and communication. This degree program is offered at the Macomb University Center on the Center Campus of Macomb Community College in Clinton Township, Michigan. The University Center is approximately a 20 minute drive from Rochester College's main campus in Rochester Hills.

### Rochester College Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts program is designed to provide students with an associates degree and/or help them obtain the lower-level course work needed for entrance into bachelor degree completion programs. Also, many students who are entering bachelor degree completion programs are lacking necessary foundation credits. Foundation credits may be obtained in the Associate of Arts program.

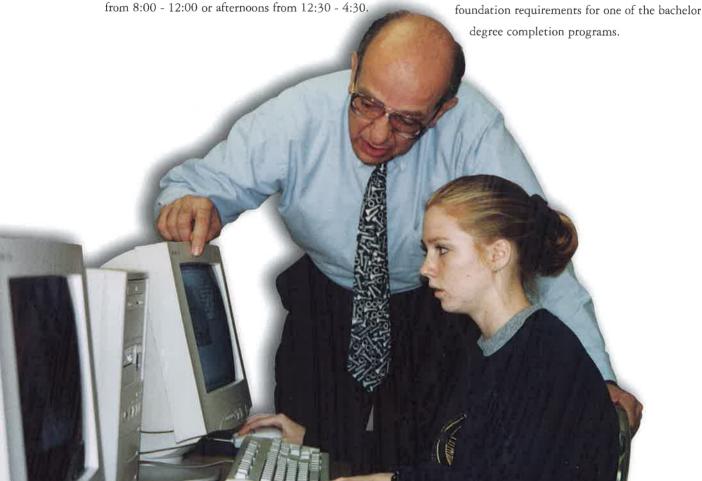
#### Program Schedules

- Classes meet once per week in four hour blocks during either the evenings or on Saturdays.
- Each course meets for eight weeks.
- There are two eight week sessions per semester, and three semesters per year.
- This design allows you to accelerate your program and finish much quicker than is possible in a traditional schedule.
- Evening classes generally meet from 6:00 10:00.

• Saturday classes generally meet in the mornings

#### Program Design

- Bachelor degree programs require 120-123 semester hours depending upon the program.
- Each bachelor program requires approximately 75 semester hours of foundation credits which are comprised of general education, technical, occupational, and elective courses.
- The bachelor degree completion programs are generally 45 semester hours.
- The Associate of Arts degree program is 62 semester hours for those seeking the AA degree. Note: Many students attend the AA program simply to fulfill





Rick Weaver Director—Vendor Training, Education, and Communication Kmart Corporation



I want to thank the faculty and staff at Rochester College for all you have done to keep me focused. Having entered the program with only 3 credit hours there was a lot of ground to cover, but your encouragement and direction kept me motivated.

My generation did not put the emphasis on college that it deserved. By relying on experience there was little doubt in my mind that I could succeed and prosper without a degree. I was uninformed. My experience at Rochester College was rewarding beyond any expectation. I literally could see my knowledge and horizons reaching new heights with each class I took. If it were in my power and

ability I would alert everyone that skipped college to go back and fill this unknown void they live with today. Never could I have realized this without the rear view mirror that the experience gave me.

I thank the Lord for leading me to Rochester College, my wife for being His messenger, my professors for showing His love and patience, and for the great CEL staff that has dedicated themselves to His service.

Rick Weaver

#### Important Program Features

#### **Enrollment Requirements**

Regular admission is granted to The College of Extended Learning if you are at least 23 years of age, have 5 or more years of work experience, and have a high school diploma (2.0 GPA) or GED (minimum score of 50).

Provisional admission may be granted to students under the age of 23 who otherwise meet the minimum academic standards and are not enrolled in the traditional program. To be provisionally admitted, you must document work and/or life experience supporting your application to an adult accelerated program.

#### Length of Program

Program length differs depending on how many credits you are transferring (if any) and what pace you decide to set for yourself.

Bachelor degree completion programs can be finished in as little as 12 months for those who have completed the foundation requirements (see degree requirements and program schedules).

#### Transfer Policy

Up to 47 hours may be transferred toward the Associate of Arts Program.

Up to 90 hours may be transferred toward an accelerated bachelor's degree program.

#### Non-Traditional Ways of Obtaining College Credit at Rochester College

Rochester College recognizes that many people approach higher education already having a variety of different experiences or training in their background which has given them skills, learning, and knowledge that is equivalent to college level learning. Therefore, Rochester College provides non-traditional avenues through which students can receive credit for these experiences. Talk with an assessment counselor regarding the details for any one of these provisions:

1. Testing Services

2. Professional Schools the Training

3. Prior Learning Portfolio





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