

Center for Talent Development

CREATING PATHWAYS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

2024 Summer Programs PreK - Grade 12

In-Person and Online
Enrichment and Acceleration
Leadership and Service-Learning



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Summer Adventure...

Lifetime Impact

The Center for Talent Development (CTD) staff is passionate about helping students discover their strengths, explore their interests, and realize their full potential. From early childhood through high school, our summer programs provide students with experiences that sharpen the mind, create a peer network, and build lifelong skills. We invite you to explore the variety of program types and course options available—each designed to match different learning needs, preferences, and schedules. Whether we're meeting you for the first time or you're an old friend, we cannot wait to have you join us this summer! **Get started at ctd.northwestern.edu/summer-programs.**

100+

students developed their leadership skills at the summer Civic Leadership Institute in 2023



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AT CTD

CTD provides programs and services for students, their families, and educators all year long. Visit our website to learn more about the following opportunities:

- Academic year online, weekend (in-person), and leadership intensive courses, PreK - Grade 12
- Above-grade-level assessment for talent development, academic planning, and acceleration guidance
- Family consulting
- Professional learning for educators and administrators



CTD has prepared me for more advanced work that I will cover in classes years from now. I am very thankful that I got to participate in this wonderful program.”

- CTD ALUM



CTD Academic Summer Camps

In-Person Programs

Day Camps at Chicago Area Sites

1- and 2-Week Academic Camps (PreK - GRADE 6)

Students participate in challenging, half-day (am/pm) or all-day enrichment courses offered in a variety of subject areas. Program sites are in the Chicago area. 1-week courses are available for PreK through grade 5 and 2-week courses for grades 5 and 6.

Program Dates: June 24-August 2

Day and Residential Camps at Northwestern University's Evanston Campus

1- and 3-Week Academic Camps (GRADES 6 - 8)

Academic camps offering middle school students the choice of unique, fast-paced enrichment courses and high school honors, credit-eligible courses. Courses allow students to deeply explore specialized topics and accelerate through core subject area sequences. Classroom communities offer intellectual and social development. Afternoon and weekend activities give students the chance to forge friendships in a safe, inclusive summer camp environment. Residential camp helps students develop the relationship and independent living skills required at college.

1-Week Program Dates: July 14-19, July 21-26,
and July 28-August 2

3-Week Program Dates: June 23-July 12,
and July 14-August 2



1- and 3-Week Academic Camps (GRADES 9-12)

Academic camps offering high school students the choice of unique, fast-paced, enrichment, high-school honors, AP®, leadership and service-learning, college level and career exploration courses. Honors and AP® courses are eligible for high school credit through CTD. Coursework exposes students to authentic problems central to college and career pathways and offers opportunities to accelerate through core subject area sequences. Classroom communities offer intellectual and social development. Afternoon and weekend activities give students the chance to forge friendships in a safe, inclusive summer camp environment. Residential camp helps students develop the relationship and independent living skills required at college.

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and July 14-August 2

Available In-Person or Online

1- and 2-Week Leadership Intensive (GRADES 6-10)

In the Leadership Intensive series, students examine traits and practices of leadership, assess their personal strengths and style, and learn from leaders across professional fields. Courses promote skill-building and socially responsible leadership where students put their strengths into action. 1-week Leadership Intensive classes are available in-person for grades 6-8. 2-week online Leadership Intensive courses are available for grades 7-10.

Program Dates: July 14-19, July 21-26, and July 28-August 2

Online Program Session Dates: June 24-July 5, July 8-19,
and July 22-Aug 2

New for Summer 2024

1-Week enrichment courses for Grades 6-12

These courses offer a flexible and accessible learning experience that provides students with exposure to unique topics.

Online Programs

Flexibly Paced Courses

4-Week Online Enrichment Courses for Families (PreK- GRADE 3)

Courses for bright, busy, and inquisitive students. Students and their parents/caregivers participate in modules taught by expert instructors. No test scores or teacher recommendations are required for this program.

Program Dates: June 12-July 10

6-Week Online Enrichment Courses (GRADES 3-8)

Motivated learners explore topics of interest in depth with the support of experienced instructors. Course activities develop critical and creative thinking as students engage with content that inspires excitement and deeper interest. Courses are predominately “asynchronous” allowing students to learn day or night and to afford flexibility to participate in other summer activities.

Program Dates: June 12-July 26

9-Week Online Core Essentials Courses (GRADES 3-8)

Courses provide access to advanced content and allow deep exploration of core subject areas like math, science, English and language arts. Instructors design advanced, standards-aligned curriculum and provide individualized feedback and support. Courses are predominately “asynchronous” allowing students to learn day or night and to afford flexibility to participate in other summer activities.

Program Dates: June 12-August 15

9- to 11-Week Accelerated Summer Online Honors Courses (GRADES 6-12)

Students have up to 11 weeks to complete 1- and 2-credit honors-level courses. Courses are “asynchronous,” allowing students to engage at times that best suit their schedules. Courses are an excellent fit for motivated students seeking academic acceleration or the chance to earn credit outside of the traditional school calendar.

Program Dates: May 29-August 15
Enrollment Dates: May 29, June 12

9- to 11-Week Accelerated Summer Online Advanced Placement Courses (GRADES 9-12)

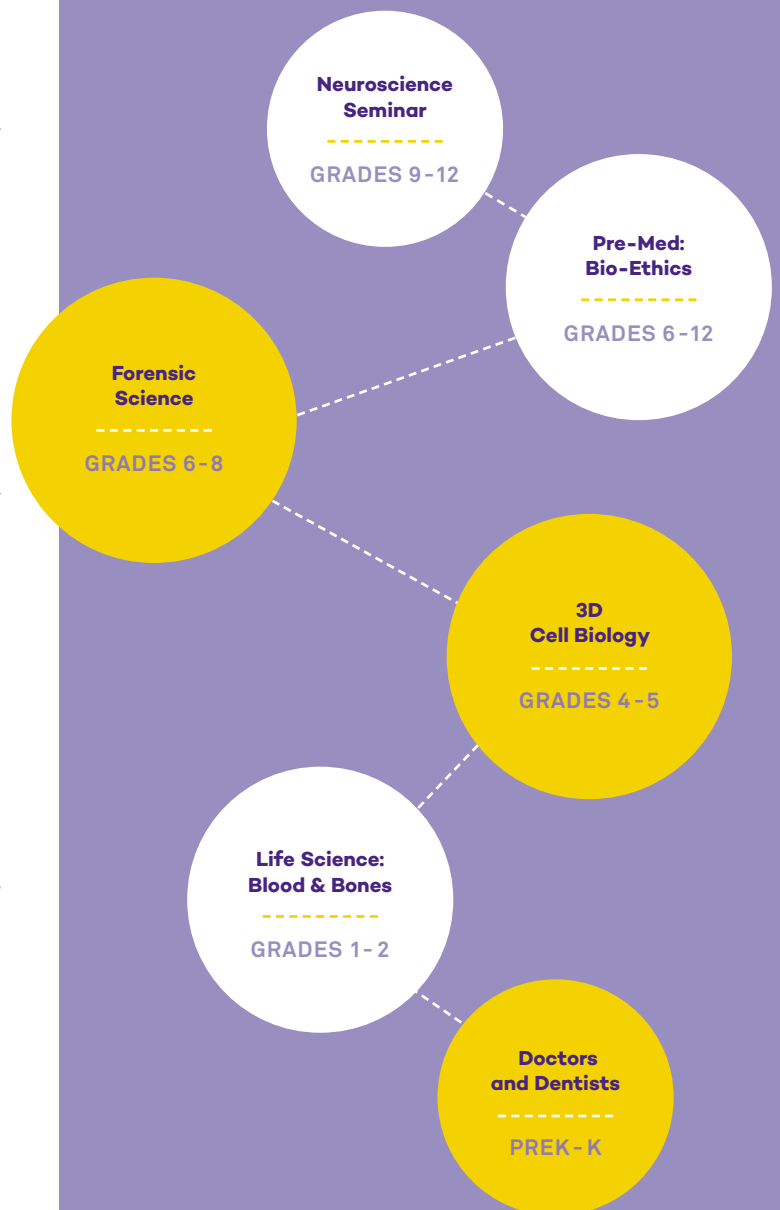
College Board authorized AP® courses offered asynchronously allow motivated students to expand high school options and stand out on college applications. Students have up to 11 weeks to complete these 1- and 2-credit courses.

Program Dates: May 29-August 15
Enrollment Dates: May 29, June 12

Discover Your Path this Summer with CTD

CTD's signature Pathways approach to talent development includes multiple options for students and their families as they grow both intellectually and psychosocially. Students can begin exploring an array of interests through various courses or pursue a passion by taking many courses in the same subject area.

Our Pathways approach helps students move from early potential to increased competency and expertise in areas of interest and/or ability. Below is an example of a pathway. What path will your student take this summer?





95%

of students reported learning knowledge and skills that will prepare them for the future

Highlighted Summer Course Offerings

View all summer courses at ctd.northwestern.edu/courses.

Grade	Course	Course Type	Duration
PreK-K	Underwater Explorations	1-week In-Person Day Camp	1 week
PreK-K	Discovering Dinosaurs	Online Family Program	4 weeks
1-2	Cryptography and Spies	1-week In-Person Day Camp	1 week
2-3	LEGO® Architecture: Landmark Designs	Online Family Program	4 weeks
3-4	Under the Microscope	1-week In-Person Day Camp	1 week
3-5	Can You Measure Up?	Online Enrichment	6 weeks
3-5	Advanced Reading: Literature	Online Core Essentials	9 weeks
4-5	Coding for Game Designers	1-week In-Person Day Camp	1 week
6-8	The Biology of Parasitic Infections	Online Core Essentials	9 weeks
6-8	Leadership for Today	1-Week In-Person Leadership Intensive	1 week
6-8	Horror Fiction	3-Week In-Person Summer Day and Residential Camp	3 weeks
6-8	Introduction to Biotechnologies	3-Week In-Person Summer Day and Residential Camp	3 weeks
9-10	NEW! Leadership and Technology	2-Week Online Leadership Intensive	2 weeks
9-12	Urban Planning and Policymaking	3-Week In-Person Summer Day and Residential Camp	3 weeks
9-12	IoT Engineering with AI Discovery Academy	3-Week In-Person Summer Day and Residential Camp	3 weeks
9-12	AP® Computer Science Principles	Accelerated Summer Online	9-11 weeks
9-12	AP® Government and Politics: Comparative	Accelerated Summer Online	9-11 weeks

FOLLOW US

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt and a purple lanyard, is leaning over a table. She is holding a clear plastic cup and a ruler. A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a light blue striped t-shirt, is also leaning over the table. She is holding a red pipette and is in the process of dispensing red liquid into the cup. The background shows a classroom setting with other students and tables.

**Spend the
Summer
with CTD!**

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