

## HOLYOKE

## HCC moves noncredit courses online

Holyoke Community College has shifted its noncredit professional development and personal enrichment classes to online and remote forums for the foreseeable future in response to the COVID-19 virus.

Anyone with extra time who is interested in classes that are fun, educational or entertaining can now do so from the comfort and safety of their homes using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

As of March 30 HCC began offering all of its credit-based certificate and degree programs remotely while restricting access to its main campus and satellite offices.

The noncredit courses being offered remotely include those in areas such as art, business, careers, home and garden, languages, law, money and investment, and safety. Students will have the opportunity to engage with live instructors and classmates by voice and video using a number of different online and remote platforms like Zoom, WebEx and Google Hangouts.

"We've had to be very creative with some of our courses

like painting and dancing," said Michele Cabral, HCC executive director of professional development and corporate learning. "For Acrylics, for example, the teacher will share her screen during the lesson and have students share their own; Puerto Rican Bomba is similar to an online workout class."

Classes are forming now for the remainder of the spring semester.

Some current options include:

- Arts - Introduction to Pastels, Watercolor Journaling (April 11-18).

- Business and Career - Leadership Series including Personal Effectiveness, Critical Thinking, and Emotional Intelligence, Supervisory Series, Notary Public, Microsoft Excel 2016.

- Dance and Health - Puerto Rican Bomba

- Money Management - Extreme Couponing, SS Income Strategies, Earning Extra Money with a Mystery Shopping Business, Protecting Your Financial Nest Egg.

To see a full schedule of courses or to register, visit [hcc.edu/spring-online](http://hcc.edu/spring-online)