

A Guide To *Education*



Benefits of a Private Education *

Private schools benefit students by fostering academic excellence and high achievement, educating the whole child within a values-based setting, and preparing youngsters for success in life. If you want a caring, challenging, nurturing, safe and secure environment for your child—a place where he/she can learn and succeed—consider a private school.

Private schools are known for the high standards they set. They engage students and spark the desire to learn. Teachers expect excellence from students, and students tend to live up to those expectations. The high expectations and academic rigor help account for above-average levels of student success, including higher college-going rates. If you're looking to help your child reach his/her potential in a school committed to excellence, consider a private school.

- Private school students generally perform higher than their public school counterparts on standardized achievement tests.
- Private high schools typically have more demanding graduation requirements than do public high schools.
- Private school graduates are more likely than their peers from public schools to have completed advanced-level courses in three Academic subject areas

- Private school students are more likely than public school students to complete a bachelor's or advanced degree by their mid-20s

Private school students scored well above the national average in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP scores provide an immediate measure of student achievement, but the report also presents a long-term measure: attainment of a college degree. "Students who had attended private school in 8th grade were twice as likely as those who had attended public school to have completed a bachelor's or higher degree by their mid-20s (52 versus 26 percent)."

And note this: For students from the lowest quartile of socioeconomic status (SES), the advantage of having attended a private school was even more pronounced. Those students were nearly four times more likely than their public school counterparts to have attained a bachelor's or higher degree. Private school attendance even seems to overcome a parent's low-expectations for a child. "For students whose mother's expectation (in 8th grade) was for them to attain an associates degree or less, those who had attended private school completed a bachelor's or higher degree at a rate about

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Philadelphia University Offers Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program For Adults In Bucks County

Looking for enhanced career options? Admission into a master's program? A real sense of personal achievement?

For adults with some college credits, but without their degree, Philadelphia University's Accelerated B.S. Degree Completion Program can help them receive their degree and realize their dream.

This program is offered at Philadelphia University's Bucks County Campus, located at 4800 Street Road in Trevose in The Bucks County Technology Park!

Adults can make the most of their prior college education, professional and life experience and their motivation to succeed. Philadelphia University accepts up to 72 credits earned from previously attended colleges and universities. Rolling admissions and five terms per year mean students can apply at anytime, not just at the beginning of a traditional semester; courses can be completed in as little as eight weeks so students have a sense of accomplishment from the very beginning.

This program accommodates a wide variety of career interests, providing comprehensive preparation in a convenient format specifically for adults. Accelerated BS degree programs are offered in these majors: Accounting, Business Management, Behavioral and Health Services, Health Sciences, Health Services Management, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Law Enforcement Leadership, Leadership in Emergency Services, Leadership in Homeland Security and Organizational Leadership.

Courses can be taken in Bucks County at The Bucks County Technology Park in Trevose and at the main campus in the East Falls section of Philadelphia. The program also offers several online courses each term. With its many flexible features, Philadelphia University's accelerated degree completion program is putting a bachelor's degree within reach as quickly as a student's schedule permits.

Philadelphia University places great emphasis on the student's academic and personal success. To facilitate that success, the program is offered in a supportive environment with personal attention for every student and ongoing advisement to assist in transitioning to the University environment.

One of the first courses a student takes in the program is Professional Practice Seminar. The Seminar is a comprehensive introduction to technologies and resources, helping students to formally assess their prior learning, introducing them to preparing a personal portfolio and professional statement that documents the student's experience in the program, and, additionally, offering the opportunity for an evaluation process that has the potential of acquiring additional academic credits for prior learning.

Schedule your appointment now with an academic advisor, who will answer all your questions and help you apply for the next term of this innovative program.

For more information about Philadelphia University's Accelerated Degree Completion Program for Adult Learners, please call 215.951.2900, email SCPS@PhilaU.edu or visit www.PhilaU.edu/SCPS.

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Accelerated B.S. Degree Completion Program for Adult Learners

- Accelerated Format — 8-week courses
- Five terms per year
- Availability of Online Courses
- Transfer up to 72 credits from previously attended colleges and universities
- Opportunity to earn credits for lifelong learning, professional development or training
- Ongoing academic advising and personal attention from program application to graduation

Three Convenient Campuses:

- Philadelphia Campus: 4201 Henry Avenue in East Falls
- Bucks County Campus: Bucks County Technology Park 4800 Street Road in Trevose
- Delaware County Campus: Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, 800 Manchester Avenue, Media

Earn a B.S. Degree with a major in one of the following:

- Accounting
- Behavioral and Health Services
- Business Management
- Health Sciences
- Health Services Management
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- Law Enforcement Leadership
- Leadership in Emergency Services
- Leadership in Homeland Security
- Organizational Leadership

Moss Jacobson, Business

I was nervous about returning to school at this point in my life. However, Philadelphia University's Bucks County Campus was exceptionally convenient, as was an easy integration of classes to achieve balance in my life. The Accelerated B.S. Degree Program provided me with valuable group-project experiences, opportunities for practical application of work experiences and many new friends and business contacts. After just two and a half years, I had an incredible sense of accomplishment and a newly completed degree.

Patricia Blair, Behavioral and Health Services

Before I returned to school at Philadelphia University, I had been working at my job for the past 41 years. After so many years of sitting on the sidelines, I felt it was time to move forward. I now feel that I have won a personal victory for me and for all of the people I serve in my job. The University gave me all the support I needed for my new direction. The instructors really pushed me to focus and they raised an awareness in me of my personal gifts and talents that were hidden for many years. I felt so proud at Commencement when I walked in the ceremony as a graduate of the B.S. in Behavioral and Health Services Program.

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four times that of public school students (30 versus 7 percent)."

The report explains that students from a low SES family who had "completed a calculus course in high school were much more likely than those who had not studied calculus to earn a degree by their mid-20s." It also notes that students in private schools "are more likely than those in public schools to take challenging courses like calculus, and private schools are more likely to require them." Specifically, private high schools require more courses for graduation than public high schools in math, science, social studies, foreign language, and computer science, and the coursework is more likely to include advanced courses in science (chemistry, physics, advanced biology), mathematics (trigonometry, precalculus, calculus), and foreign language (a third year or more).

Demanding coursework and high expectations are good for students. As the report states it, "Applying high academic standards--both requiring students to complete high-level, challenging courses and pushing students to strive and excel in their work--is a central schooling component that many experts recommend." According to NCES data, 88 percent of private high school students apply to college, compared to 57 percent of public high school students.

And reports from the College Board indicate that SAT scores for private school students are well above the national average.

When it comes to challenging students to stretch their capacity, private schools do an exceptional job. Statistics from the College Board and NCES show that for high school seniors, 24.2 percent of private school students took AP exams in 1998, while 9.4 percent of public school students did so. Private schools, which account for only 7.5 percent of all high school students, produced 20 percent of 12th graders who took AP exams in 1998 and 22 percent of those who scored high enough to have the advanced courses count for college credit.

The National Center for Education Statistics periodically administers the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to test the knowledge and skills of the nation's students in grades 4, 8, and 12. Students in private schools consistently score well above the national average. At all three grades a significantly higher percentage of private school students score at or above the Basic, Proficient, and Advanced levels than public school students. Below are the results from the most recent NAEP report cards in reading. NAEP report cards in other subjects.

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Explore Exciting Fields of Study at Bucks



Here's a sample of our nearly 80 programs of study:

- Biotechnology
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- Cinema/Video Production
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- Conference & Event Planning
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- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
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In our all-girl environment, students are encouraged and expected to try new things, participate, work together and be leaders. With self-confidence and self-awareness, Stuart girls develop resolve, resilience, and perspective, while learning to value the perspective of others. They are free to be their authentic selves, while looking beyond themselves.

Stuart girls see their possibilities as limitless. Here, they are not just transformed, but transform themselves into brave and bold, powerful and wonderful young women.

Bucks Hosts Hundreds of Visiting Students Each Summer

Scholars from 260 other institutions attend Bucks to catch up or get ahead, then transfer credits back to their 'home' school. They come from all over the country – from American University to Xavier University and nearly 260 other colleges in between – to attend Bucks County Community College each summer. Students choose Bucks to catch up or get ahead, then transfer credits back to their "home" institution.

This summer, Bucks is once again offering hundreds of courses in the classroom, online, and in a "hybrid" format, a mix of face-to-face and online learning. Classes last from six to 12 weeks, depending on the format, and meet at the college's Newtown campus, the Upper Bucks Campus in Perkasie, the Lower Bucks Campus in Bristol Township, or entirely online through the Virtual Campus. The variety of courses offered also attracts summer scholars. Fundamentals such as algebra, biology, and English composition are available along with STEM, management, nursing, music, and much more. A list of the nearly 300 courses offered this summer is available on the college's website at www.bucks.edu/summer. For more information, contact Admissions at 215-968-8100 or admissions@bucks.edu or visit www.bucks.edu/admission.

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George School

When you apply for admission to George School, you knock on the door of a special place. It's a place where collaboration and creativity, athletics and arts, social justice and inclusivity feed your intellect, body, and spirit.

We offer a wide range of small classes that focus on critical thinking. In addition to AP classes, we are also one of a few U.S. boarding schools to offer the International Baccalaureate Program. This comprehensive curriculum combines lofty goals-creating a better, more peaceful world - with rigorous academics.

As a Quaker school, we care about simplicity, non-violence, and serving others. We don't believe it's enough for students to acquire great knowledge about great things; we also want them to treasure learning for its own sake and use it to benefit a diverse world. We want them to "let their lives speak."

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