

## Educational Opportunities for Lifelong Learning

Meridian offers retirees several options for continuing formal education and degree completion, exploring new interests, or expressing creative efforts. Lifelong learning is a key component in a well-rounded active retirement lifestyle. Take advantage of any of the opportunities listed below to enrich your life.

**Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus** offers junior, senior, and graduate courses in fulfillment of bachelor's, master's, and specialist degrees for traditional transfer students as well as adult learners.

Senior citizens (age 60 or over) may take courses for credit, or audit courses, without paying tuition and required fees. Registration is on a space-available basis.

Over 15,000 individuals have been served through academic and community service programs at MSU-Meridian, and more than 4,000 have earned degrees.

Degrees in the Division of Arts & Sciences, include Communication, General Liberal Arts, Psychology, Social Work, Interdisciplinary Studies, History and a minor in Gender Studies. In the Division of Business & Industry, Bachelor of Business Administration degrees are awarded in Accounting, Business Administration, Information Systems, Management, Marketing, Resort & Convention, Technology Management, and a Master of Business Administration. The Division of Education offers Bachelor's, Master's, and Specialist degrees in Elementary and Secondary Education, a Master of Arts in Teaching, and Counselor Education and School Administration at the Master's and Specialist levels.

MSU-Meridian also sponsors a number of professional development seminars and employee training opportunities, and faculty consultants are available to assist regional business, educational, governmental and private sector entities. MSU-Meridian university experts are available for speaking engagements by request.

**Visit the MSU-Meridian Campus at 1000 Hwy. 19 North, 601.484.0100 or 1.800.824.5288 (toll-free in MS)**  
[www.msstate.edu/meridian](http://www.msstate.edu/meridian)

**Meridian Community College** offers *Lifetime Quest, a Learning in Retirement Center*, providing enrichment opportunities for area adults over 50 years of age. Educational, social, group travel opportunities, and discounts

are available through this special program.

A yearly membership of \$60 allows participation in programs and events at the college, including free admission to MCC's *Arts and Letters Series*.

Other benefits include the auditing of any general education class on a space-available basis at no additional charge, discounts at the MCC bookstore, and Dental Hygiene Lab; access to the Faculty Dining Room, use of the MCC Library, and more. Telephone *Lifetime Quest* at 601.484.8696 for more information or to enroll.

Additionally, non-credit fitness courses are available at the MCC Damon Fitness Center in water aerobics, bowling, swimming, lifeguarding, scuba diving, tennis, kickboxing, step aerobics, Pilates, and yoga. General memberships include use of the weight room and exercise equipment. Indoor pool and tennis courts are available as well.

**MCC is located at 910 Hwy. 19 North, Meridian, MS 39301. Phone 601.484.8763 for program schedules and fees.**

<http://www.mcc.cc.ms.us/>

**The Meridian Activity Center** is open to adults 21 years and older. It is equipped with conference rooms, classrooms, social, and dining areas. There is a fully equipped kitchen, billiard room, snooker room, exercise room, ceramic studio, and lending library. The primary use of the center is for instruction programs and workshops, and includes fitness and exercise, computer classes, genealogy searching, creative writing, and a wide variety of arts and crafts classes.

Class Fees are \$20 for Meridian adults under age 55, \$25 for adults under age 55 living outside Meridian. All adults over 55 pay half price, and have first choice of classes.

**Meridian Activity Center is located at 3300 32nd Avenue, Meridian, MS 39305. Phone 601.485.1812 for schedules and fees.**

[http://www.meridianms.org/Assets/pr\\_frames.htm](http://www.meridianms.org/Assets/pr_frames.htm)

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