Continuing & Innovative Education

We Change People. They Change The World.

The University of Texas at Austin
CONTINUING & INNOVATIVE EDUCATION at The University of Texas at Austin is just over a year old but grounded in a 100-year history of reaching beyond the Forty Acres to provide quality educational opportunities and services to the campus community, the people of Texas, and the world. CIE offers renowned educational programs and experts in assessment, teaching, and technology. Through its Divisions of Instructional Innovation & Assessment (DIIA) and Continuing Education (CE), CIE creates a strong, proactive organization that addresses the needs of all students.

DIIA works with faculty and students in all of the University’s colleges, schools, and units to enhance teaching and learning by providing research-based teaching practices, innovative instructional technologies, and effective assessment methods. DIIA’s research projects, teaching seminars, and faculty development services strengthen higher education with proven results.

Continuing Education extends the University’s resources to all of Texas and the world. CE offers courses, services, and programs to students ranging from preschoolers to retirees who seek educational and enrichment opportunities. Individuals, corporations, state agencies, and nonprofits have all benefited from the breadth and depth of CE expertise.

The University’s bold foresight in creating CIE is a direct response to the technological advances that have forever changed the way faculty teach, students learn, and the world accesses information. CIE’s use of technology and its commitment to teaching and learning benefit the university and the community. CIE creates the “disciplined culture of excellence that generates intellectual excitement, transforms lives, and develops leaders.”

More information about Continuing & Innovative Education may be found online at www.utexas.edu/cie.

CONTINUING & INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GOALS

Colleges and universities with high peer rankings boast strong continuing-education schools and extension programs. CIE aspires to offer the best programs and services in the country, which means responding to the learning styles of today’s students and continuing to advance in the areas of teaching and assessment. CIE will enable greater numbers of people to learn throughout their lives more effectively, conveniently, and efficiently. Through CIE, The University of Texas at Austin will be a student’s university for life.

**Continuing & Innovative Education aspires to be:**

- A pioneer in integrating the latest technological advances to broaden the way faculty teach, students learn, and knowledge is gained.

- The perfect partner with colleges and schools to help them quickly introduce such innovative programs as outcomes assessment and interdisciplinary collaborations.
Continuing & Innovative Education has the potential to reinvent, expand, and transform the university educational experience. Investments in any of the following areas will enable CIE to be a trailblazing, entrepreneurial engine that helps drive the University in its quest to be the nation’s premier public research institution.

**Establish an environment that promotes excellence**
Creating the Lifelong Learning, Instructional Innovation, and Assessment Facility will provide a technology-rich space for all learners. This proposed facility will be a vibrant multigenerational learning environment unlike any in the nation.

Elevating the Innovative Instructional Technology Awards Program (IITAP) to national prominence will foster excellence in instruction, promote and encourage faculty innovation, and showcase the University’s technological and intellectual capital.

Extending The University of Texas Center for Performance Excellence (UTCPE) by offering scholarships to central Texas small businesses, public school districts, and nonprofit sectors will promote a disciplined culture of excellence in accordance with recognized national performance programs.

**Ensure life-enhancing learning experiences**
A Freshman Mobile Media Initiative will ensure that every first-year student is connected to the University through handheld mobile units. This initiative will empower students to access, expand, and personalize new learning opportunities, and shape the learning styles of the future.

The ASPECTS program (Advancing Students’ Professional Excellence with Certificates in Teaching Series) trains graduate students to be excellent university teachers. Investment in this program, free to graduate students, will place highly trained teaching assistants in the classroom, thus improving the undergraduate experience.

To strengthen the University’s recruitment of the best graduate students, CIE will establish an endowment for students interested in becoming excellent researchers and teachers through the Graduate Student Teaching Intern Program.
Serve Texas and the world
Programs such as Language Learners at the UT Center for Hispanic Achievement (LUCHA) provide services to help Spanish-speaking English language learners to succeed in school, in college, and in life. The success of these students ensures that they contribute to the educational and financial prosperity of the state of Texas.

An interdisciplinary Contemporary Master’s Program will support students in becoming better equipped to navigate the challenges of the post-Enron domestic and international marketplace.

A DISCIPLINED CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Financially supporting the goals of Continuing and Innovative Education is a special chance to be a pioneer and founder of the future direction of all education. The campaign for Continuing & Innovative Education is part of the University-wide campaign to increase resources across the campus and to create the “disciplined culture of excellence” called for by the Commission of 125, which established goals for the University for the coming 25 years. Gifts to CIE will support the following areas:

Faculty ................................................................................................................................................................ $9,000,000
   Innovative Instructional Technology Awards Program

Students ........................................................................................................................................................... $22,985,000
   Freshman Mobile Media Initiative
   Graduate Student Instructor Program
   Graduate Student Teaching Internship Program
   Dean’s Excellence Fund

Research and Academic Programs ............................................................................................................... $12,140,000
   Contemporary Master’s Program Initiative
   Language Learners at the UT Center for Hispanic Achievement
   The University of Texas Center for Performance Excellence

Total .................................................................................................................................................................. $44,125,000