

HB110 Reporting Requirement

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The mission of Christopher Newport University is to provide educational and cultural opportunities that benefit CNU students, the residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation. CNU provides outstanding academic programs, encourages service and leadership within the community, and provides opportunities for student involvement in nationally and regionally recognized research and art programs.

Our primary focus is excellence in teaching, inspired by sound scholarship. At CNU, personal attention in small classes creates a student-centered environment where creativity and excellence can flourish. Our primary emphasis is to provide outstanding undergraduate education. We also serve the Commonwealth with master's degree programs that provide intellectual and professional development for graduate-level students.

We are committed to providing a liberal arts education that stimulates intellectual inquiry and fosters social and civic values. CNU students acquire the qualities of mind and spirit that prepare them to lead lives with meaning and purpose. As a state university we are committed to service that shapes the economic, civic, and cultural life of our community and Commonwealth.

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Christopher Newport University encourages the participation of the region's senior citizens in a variety of programs. Our records indicate that 38 senior citizens attended University classes for credit during academic year 2004-05 and 29 enrolled during academic year 2005-06. Also, during 2005-06 over 500 citizens "of retirement age and over" held membership in the University sponsored LifeLong Learning Society (LLS) program. The University and LLS, in addition, annually sponsor the Forum on Aging, where participants attend educational workshops and presentations on topics vital to seniors, their family and their caregivers.

The LifeLong Learning Society of Christopher Newport University is a membership organization dedicated to persons of retirement age who seek opportunities for learning in an environment of sharing and fellowship. There are no requirements as to previous educational experience; intellectual curiosity is the only admission requirement. The Society prides itself on its large, over 90 this year, and eclectic group of course offerings. Currently, LLS courses run the gamut from health and wellness courses such as yoga and aerobics to thought-provoking discussion-filled courses such as "Exploring Islam" and "Einstein, Quantum Physics and Schrodinger's Cat."

The Society also sponsors a Monday Afternoon Lecture series. Guest lecturers from across the region speak or perform during this series that is open to all members of the public. This year participants will hear talks and performances by JoAnn Falletta the Music Director of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Jon Cash a meteorologist for local television station WAVY-TV, John Quarstein, Director of the Virginia War Museum, and Dr. Mark Reimer and the CNU Orchestra.