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6-12

Purchase College | Continuing Education
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

SUMMER 2026

June 29–August 7

Youth & Precollege

Programs in the Arts

Serious Foundation. Serious Fun.

FULL DAY
1, 2, & 4 Week
Programs



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Creative Writing

Vocal Arts



Acting and Performing



Journalism & Multimedia
Production

Graphic Design



Visual Arts



Songwriting & Intro to
Music Production



Filmmaking

Writing for Film



Questions? Come to our Open House Saturday, April 25, 10am - 12pm

Daily Schedule: Programs meet from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Tuition Discounts:

- **Early Registration Discount Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2026**
Tuition **MUST** be paid in full by May 1, 2026.
- **Multiple student (siblings) or multiple programs discount:**
One program **MUST** be paid in full by May 1, 2026. Balance is due by **Friday, May 29.**
- **Purchase College employees and alumni, Broadview Member families and Pepsi Co. employee discount:**
Program(s) must be paid in full by **Friday, May 29, 2026.**

Please note seat in program is not secured until payment is made in full and health and immunization form are submitted.

Registration Opens February 23, 2026



With more than 40 years of summer arts programs, we offer students an inspiring space to explore new skills, form lasting friendships, and grow with confidence. Each summer is filled with dynamic, hands-on learning experiences that spark creativity and independence.

**“I loved becoming passionate about writing and learning new techniques...
I also love how open and supportive it is!” – Student**

“He enjoyed exposure to the field, tools and expertise.” – Parent

**“Absolutely positive [experience]. It was wonderful to have the opportunity
to develop interest and skills in a formal setting on college campus” – Parent**



RSVP for the Open House at purchase.edu/youth

Visual Arts

Visual Arts programs are held, when possible, in the college's Visual Arts Building—160,000 square feet of art-making and design opportunities.

Visual Arts Institute

Attend master workshops in drawing & painting, sculpture, and an elective(s) of your choice. Learn how to develop your portfolio for your college application and document your work. Display your work in the exhibition!

PRECOLLEGE Grades 10-12 **\$1,980* / \$2,200**
Four Week program **June 29 - July 24, 2026**

Young Artists

Explore the visual arts! Drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, crafts, and more! Foster creativity and imagination, individuality, and collaboration. Display your work in the exhibition!

YOUTH Grades 6-9 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week Program **June 29 - July 10, 2026**

Graphic Design Workshop

Explore graphic design, the art of presenting information through graphical and textual elements. Turn your ideas into expressive images using design concepts such as simplicity, balance, alignment and negative space. Learn how to integrate text, image and color for maximum visual impact. Use industry standard software to create designs that will be shared on the last day of the program.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 27 - August 7, 2026**

Filmmaking

Filmmaking Institute

Advance your knowledge of visual storytelling. Write, direct, and act in original movies. Produce work that you can use in the college application process. Edit using professional software. Show your film at the final screening and receive a recording of your movie!

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Four Week program **June 29 - July 24, 2026**

Summer precollege filmmakers can add Writing for Film for a well-rounded filmmaking experience.

Young Filmmakers

Learn the art of visual storytelling by writing, directing, editing, and acting in a short movie. Learn how to collaborate creatively in small groups. View your films at the final screening. Receive a recording of your movie!

YOUTH Grades 6-8 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 27 - August 7, 2026**

Writing & Journalism

Writing for Film Workshop

Explore writing a dramatic story for the screen, develop an understanding of the art and craft of writing screenplays for film, television and/or video games. Learn the fundamentals of formatting and the basics of dramatic story structure—revealing character, writing dialogue, genre, and use of story suspense - all essential to the professional writer. Use industry standard software to create a short screenplay to be shared on the final day of the program.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 27 - August 7, 2026**

Young Writers

Inspire your child's love of writing and help them build confidence and skill! In this engaging program, students explore key elements for great writing—descriptive detail, poetic language, punctuation, and voice—while practicing close reading and revision. Guided by imaginative, accomplished instructors, Young Writers fosters creativity, curiosity, and a lifelong joy in writing.

YOUTH Grades 6-8 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 13 - 24, 2026**

Creative Writing Workshop

Create and share original work in a workshop-style format focusing on voice, character, tone, plot, and point of view. Produce polished pieces for college essays and/or award submissions.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 27 - August 7, 2026**

Journalism & Intro to Multi-Media Production Workshop

Dive into an interactive program where you'll create zines, podcasts, social media stories, and more—while learning core journalism skills across platforms. No experience needed—just curiosity and a passion for storytelling. Build your voice as a writer, sharpen your skills in research, interviewing, and visual communication, and explore journalism's role in today's media. Walk away with original work for your portfolio and valuable experience to enhance college applications or future careers.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 13 - 24, 2026**

***Register and pay in full by May 1 for the Early Registration Discount**

Performing Arts



Acting Intensive I

New to the stage or ready to elevate your skills? This intensive offers the perfect opportunity to grow, discover, and perform with confidence. Acting Intensive I is a two-week journey designed to strengthen your foundation and awaken your creative instincts. Led by experienced industry professionals, this intensive program offers focused, hands-on training in core acting techniques. Develop your performance skills and stage presence in a creative, collaborative environment.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week Program **June 29 - July 10, 2026**

Acting Intensive II

Whether you are continuing from Acting Intensive I or starting here, this two-week conservatory-style program is designed for students with some acting experience who want to deepen their craft. Work hands-on with industry professionals to refine your technique, explore script analysis, monologue performance, audition skills, and specialized tools like dialects and stage combat. Participate in master classes covering the business of acting, networking, and professional development—all while building confidence, skill, and stage presence in an immersive, creative environment.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 13 - July 24, 2026**

Vocal Intensive

Learn to unlock the full potential of your voice through choral and solo training. Pursue an in-depth study of vocal skills and concepts as well as music theory. Present a showcase of songs to an audience of family and friends on the last day.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **July 13 - July 24, 2026**

Young Vocalists

Want to learn how to sing better? Join us for a special one-week singing class where you'll learn how to use your voice in a healthy and expressive way! Students will work on a solo song and participate in group songs. Repertoire will be musical theater, and some pop. The week culminates with a showcase for family and friends where students will perform the songs they've worked on.

YOUTH Grades 6-8 **\$540* / \$600**
One Week program **July 6 - July 10, 2026**

Songwriting & Intro to Music Production Workshop

Improve your ability to write, record, perform, and promote your own songs of any and all styles! Hone your songwriting skills by taking daily small-group instruction on lyric writing, music theory, arranging plus get an introduction to the business of music. Participate in hands-on recording sessions in a state-of-the-art recording facility housed in the Conservatory of Music. Refine your live performance skills under the guidance of seasoned professionals.

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,080* / \$1,200**
Two Week program **June 29 - July 10, 2026**

Acting on Camera Workshop

Through daily on-camera work, learn to perform for the camera and gain an awareness of how the camera affects your performance. Discover how TV and film auditions differ from stage auditions and how to prepare for them. Investigate the many pathways to performance in film/TV work. The skills you study in Acting on Camera will support your work in any theatrical medium!

PRECOLLEGE Grades 9-12 **\$1,150* / \$1,275**
Two Week program **July 27 - August 7, 2026**



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“I liked that the instructors really knew what they were talking about, and they were very helpful.”—Student

**“Liked that they worked on so many projects and groups kept changing. Liked that it wasn’t overwhelming and they focused on specific skills at a time. Very supportive environment.”
– Parent**

“...this program taught me so much and in such a short time has helped me grow as an actor.” – Acting Student

**“I liked how enthusiastic the TAs and the instructor were when encouraging me. I also like how I was pushed out of my comfort zone while drawing and using new materials”
– Visual Arts Student**

Questions?

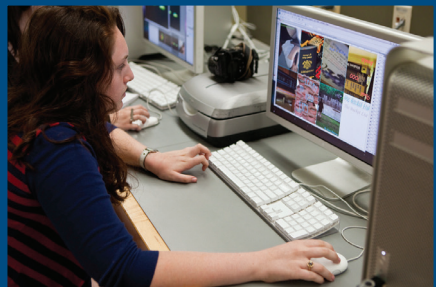
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NEW this Summer!

Summer Precollege Credit

An academic edge for rising high school seniors or recent graduates!

Step into college life with confidence through a credit-bearing course that jump-starts your academic journey and prepares you for the academic rigor of college. Strengthen your college-ready skills in dynamic workshops, immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Purchase College, and build lasting connections—all while earning college credit in a supportive, inspiring environment.

Program Highlights:

- **Earn College Credit:** Build essential academic skills while earning credit toward your future degree.
- **Personalized Support:** Learn from expert faculty and dedicated Learning Assistants, with built-in office hours and study sessions for extra help and feedback.
- **Campus Success & Enrichment:** Join workshops and enrichment activities that help you make connections, gain confidence, and learn what it takes to thrive in college—while experiencing real campus life.
- **Course options:**
 - CWR1010 Introduction to Creative Writing
 - ENV1120 The Search for Life in the Universe



Precollege Credit Registration opens March 2, 2026



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Friday, May 1



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