

# Continuing Education

Continuing Education is Bradley University's entrepreneurial academic unit. In extending the resources of the university to promote lifelong learning, Continuing Education engages in two important tasks. First, the unit links Bradley's faculty with organizations that have educational needs. Second, Continuing Education provides the infrastructure that supports educational outreach. Staff secure resources such as presenters, meeting space, food services, housing, entertainment, audio visual equipment, and parking, in addition to providing related meeting services such as publicity, registration, and billing.

A unique contribution of Continuing Education is its role in facilitating programs across the age span. As a result, Continuing Education is involved in the following special projects:

## **Lifelong Learning**

- The Institute for Learning in Retirement, a program for learners 55 and older who want to share knowledge and skills with others
- Bradley University World of Wonder, an educational program for gifted and talented youth
- Piano Preparatory School for Youth, private piano instruction for aspiring musicians
- Computer Classes for You, hands-on instruction for those who like a comfortable pace, reasonable price, and patient instruction
- The Institute of Reading Development, a reading skills program for children and adults

## **Professional Development**

- Alumni education programs for Bradley alumni and friends
- Professional development workshops and seminars designed to address specific organizational needs
- Conference planning for organizations wishing to host regional and national meetings
- Cultural enrichment programs that extend the university into the community
- Computer lab rental in a 15-station modern computer lab in Bradley University's Caterpillar Global Communication Center

- Continuing Education Units (CEUs), professional certification credits acquired for clients participating in qualified professional development programs

## **Additional Programs Supported by Continuing Education**

- Bradley University's Summer and Interim sessions
- Credit classes offered or developed to meet specific organizational needs
- Distance education courses (online, videotape, compressed video) to students at off-campus sites