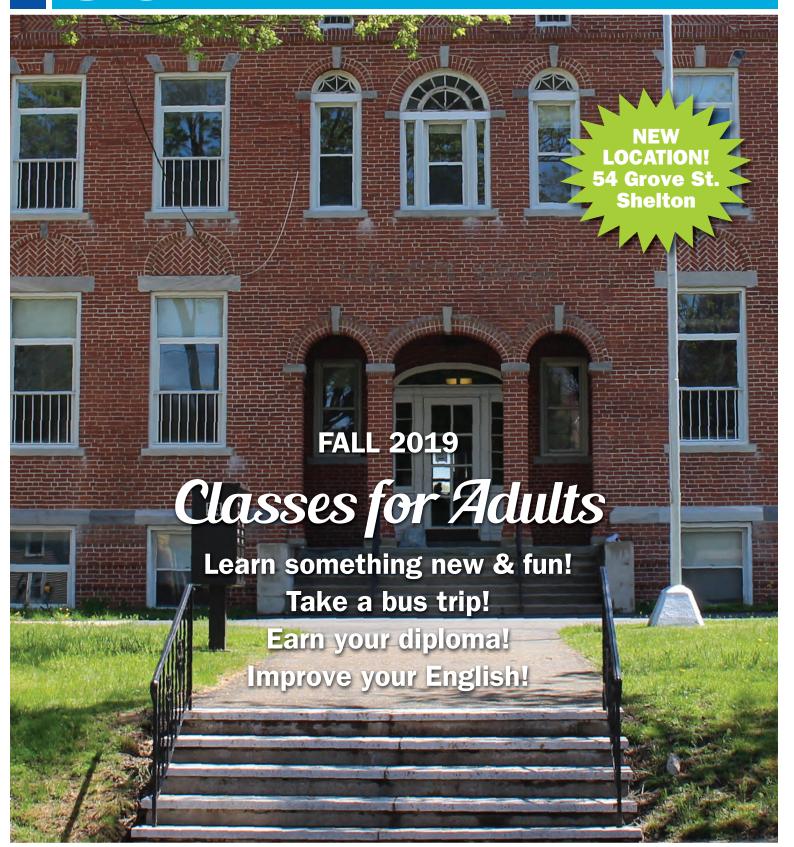
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VALLEY REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Learning Center 54 Grove Street Shelton, CT 06484

Phone: 203.924.6651 Fax: 203.924.8435 Email: vrae@vrae.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM - 3:30PM 4:30PM - 8:30PM

Friday 8:30AM - 3:00PM

LOCATIONS

Adult Learning Center Richard O. Belden Cultural Center 54 Grove St., Shelton

Ansonia High School 20 Pulaski Hwy., Ansonia

John G. Prendergast School 59 Finney St., Ansonia

Masuk High School 1014 Monroe Tpk., Monroe

Shelton Intermediate School

675 Constitution Blvd. N., Shelton

www.vrae.org





CONNECTICUT ADULT EDUCATION: The Pathway to Lifelong Learning www.Facebook.com/learn2earnCT





Welcome to Our Fall Semester! Valley Regional Adult Education (VRAE) is proud to announce the Adult Learning Center's new location in The Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove Street in Shelton. VRAE has served the Valley community for 50 years and is dedicated to building a stronger community through education. We prepare community members to obtain their high school credentials, improve their English language skills, prepare for the U.S. citizenship test, and enjoy life-long learning classes.

In our Enrichment Program, we offer over 90 classes throughout the Valley, 10 exciting bus trips, and more than 350 online courses available year-round for anytime, anywhere learning. Listing start on page 3.

FREE Academic Programs for the residents of Ansonia, Derby, Monroe, Seymour and Shelton include GED®, Adult High School Credit Diploma, Citizenship and English as a Second Language classes. In collaboration with West Haven Adult Education, we offer a third option for residents to obtain their high school diplomas. For more information, see pages 12-13.

We encourage you to join us and also, share this information with your friends, neighbors and family. Don't miss this opportunity! Browse this catalog, visit our website, www.vrae.org, or give us a call at 203.924.6651. We would love to hear from you.

— Debra Hansen, Director

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At Valley Regional Adult Education, we are committed to developing a sense of "community education" in which local citizens, schools, agencies, and businesses work together to address the educational needs of the Valley community. Our goal is to be a vital organization, responsible for creating an environment that continually fosters 100% engagement of students and staff through:

Commitment • Integrity • Innovation and Creativity • Quality

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

VRAE is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/ affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws. Inquiries regarding VRAE's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to Lee Wolf, 203.924.6651.

Fall 2019 Enrichment Courses



Walk, Weights & Abs

This class consists of walking with aerobic moves and patterns, light weights to sculpt and tone the lower and upper body, and an abdominal workout. No class 11/5.

Deborah Bailey Shelton Intermediate School Tuesdays, 6:00 - 6:45PM 10 Sessions, begins September 17 \$99 507S

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 6:45PM 6 Sessions, begins January 7 \$59 507S - Winter

Zumba

A fun, effective fitness program that combines easy-to-follow moves to Latin and international rhythms. No experience needed. Bring water, wear supportive sneakers. Drop-ins welcome \$10 per class (cash/check).

Michelle Collings Shelton Intermediate School Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15PM 10 Sessions, begins September 18 \$79 505S

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15PM 6 Sessions, begins January 8 \$49 505S - Winter

New! Belly Dancing

Belly dance is empowering, uplifting and fun. This low impact physical activity provides an aerobic workout and strengthens and tones your core muscle groups. Held at A Time for Us, Belly Dance and Fitness Studio, Bart Center, 600 Main St. 2nd floor Suite 5, Monroe.

Deborah Bailey Thursdays, 7:15–8:15PM 10 sessions, begins September 19 A Time for Us Studio \$99 504S

Classes at TAD-G's Fitness For Women

*386 East Main St., Ansonia

New! Latin Kettlebell Fusion

Dance followed by some lightweight Kettlebell moves then dance again! A fun and happy effective workout! All levels.

Terry DiGiacomo-Galla Mondays, 5:00 – 6:00PM 8 Sessions, begins September 9 TAD-G's Fitness For Women* \$79 508

POUND Fit!

Using light-weight ripstixs engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an effective workout. All levels.

Terry DiGiacomo-Galla Mondays, 6:30 - 7:15PM 8 Sessions, begins September 9 TAD-G's Fitness For Women* \$79 506

Turbokick

Ready to become a total knockout? With fun, rhythmic cardio kickboxing moves and high-energy music, you'll get ultra-lean and toned—while having a blast!

Terry DiGiacomo-Galla Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30PM 8 Sessions, begins September 11 TAD-G's Fitness For Women* \$79 509Y

Visit vrae.org for more information on instructors and classes!

► More Classes, See Mind & Body, page 10

Classes at Fitness for Life

*90 Bridgeport Ave., Shelton

New! Women's Empowerment and Self-Defense

Join us for this fun, hands on self-defense seminar. Learn escapes from arm grabs, hair grabs, and more. Improve self-awareness in everyday situations. Ages 16+.

Ellen Reichelt
Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00PM
1 Session, October 19
Fitness for Life*
\$39
511Y

New! Fitness Kickboxing

Get fit with fun and empowering moves. Kick and punch on bags then stretch and breathe all in a super supportive, non-judgmental, clean, modern school. Kickboxing gloves available for \$21.25 or bring your own.

Master Ellen Reichelt Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:00PM 11 Sessions, begins September 23 Fitness for Life* \$129 512Y1

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:00PM 11 Sessions, begins November 4 Fitness for Life* \$129 512Y2

New! Strength Training

Need to start working out, but not sure where to start? Resistance Bands help make long, lean strong muscles without the next day soreness. Classes are super supportive and non-judgmental.

Ellen Reichelt Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:00PM 11 Sessions, begins September 24 Fitness for Life* \$129 513Y1

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:00PM 11 Sessions, begins November 5 Fitness for Life* \$129 513Y1

New! Karate for Adults

Increase your self-confidence with karate and get EMPOW-ERED! Learn kicks, punches, simple self-defense techniques and more in a super supportive, non-judgmental, clean, modern school.

Ellen Reichelt
Tuesdays & Thursdays,
7:15 - 8:00PM
11 Sessions, begins September 24
Fitness for Life*
\$129
510Y

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
7:15 - 8:00PM
11 Sessions, begins November 5
Fitness for Life*
\$129
510Y





Golf

For golfers wanting to learn about the game in a fun, small group setting. For beginners, the fundamentals of the golf swing will be worked on. Advance beginners work on getting your game more consistent and breaking down your swing. Clubs will be provided if you do not have any. Plan on bringing your clubs starting the second class.

Frank Selva John G. Prendergast School (Ansonia)

BEGINNER Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30PM 6 Sessions, begins September 17 \$149 800A

ADVANCED BEGINNER Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30PM 6 Sessions, begins September 17 \$149 801A



MIND & BODY



New! Stepping Into Your Greatness

Achieve success, happiness, health and wellbeing by just simply changing your thoughts. Learn how to break bad habits and diminish negative behaviors and beliefs. If you have wanted to change your life; lose weight, start a new career, go back to school, travel the world, start a new relationship, this class will help inspire and empower you to take the leap of faith and become the person you were always meant to be.

Dr. Lori Monaco Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 7 Shelton Intermediate School \$25

Mindfulness...for Stress Reduction, Relaxation, and A Better You!

This wonderful lecture discusses mindfulness, how to create mindfulness in your life and why this is so vital and necessary for today's living! There is a meditation segment so be prepared to feel like you are going to float away by the end of the workshop!

Dr. Lori Monaco Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, September 16 Shelton Intermediate School \$25 237S

New! Laughter is the Best Medicine

Can laughter really heal you? Learn the science of laughter, how it affects the brain and the body and how it can reduce pain, depression, and anxiety. You will be taught simple techniques and ideas to bring more laughter into your life and yes...you will be laughing a lot as you learn! Great for caregivers and those dealing with health challenges.

Dr. Lori Monaco Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 28 Shelton Intermediate School \$25

Law of Attraction

Manifest the abundance in your life. Learn about the structures and functions of the brain, how thoughts and emotions work for or against us and how to change your thought process to create positive changes.

Dr. Lori Monaco Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 21 Shelton Intermediate School \$25

New! The Miracle of Mindfulness – A Practical Approach to a Richer Life

Take a deep and gentle look into the application of mindfulness in daily life. Benefits: reduced stress, improved relationships, and a deeper appreciation for life.

Bruce Nichols Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00PM 4 Sessions, begins October 2 Shelton Intermediate School \$39 671S

New! Astrology

Astrology is much more than your sun sign! A chart can show your hidden personality, career potential, love, talents, life challenges and rewards. Review your past and reveal the trends of your future. Bring your birth date, place and time.

Jamie Dellavolpe Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM 4 Sessions, begins September 18 Shelton Intermediate School \$69 670S

New! Communicate with Your Angels

Connect and communicate with your Angels and Spirit Guides. Receive loving, guided, inspiring messages. All angel messages will empower you with their loving support, healing, insight and guidance.

Robin Tesei Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 23 Shelton Intermediate School \$39 244S

Tarot

Tap into your inner wisdom and explore your intuition through the magic and mystery of the tarot. Bring a tarot deck to class.

Sally Russo Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM 4 Sessions, begins October 1 Shelton Intermediate School \$69 214S

Whispers from Heaven

Experience the energy and messages of a psychic mediumship reading. This is a gallery reading, not everyone is guaranteed a reading. No drinking of alcohol before the reading; no late admittance.

Patricia Griffin Thursday, 6:30PM - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 17 Shelton Intermediate School \$29 688S

EFT Emotional Freedom Technique (Tapping)

Discover EFT and tap your way to better emotional health today. This easy-to-learn self-help method aids to alleviate stress and address emotional factors that result in bad habits. Instructor is a certified EFT practitioner.

Terry Hernon
Tuesday, 6:30PM - 8:15PM
1 Session, September 24
Shelton Intermediate School
\$39
456S

Weight Loss Hypnosis

Use hypnosis to lose pounds by changing your relationship with food. Remove the need and desire to overeat. Instructor is a certified hypnotist.

Fern Tausig Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30PM 3 Sessions, begins October 21 Shelton Intermediate School \$75 221S

Tai Chi

"Meditation in motion" is a centuries-old Chinese discipline used for health, meditation and self-defense. Emphasis on relaxation and strength. No class 10/14.

Gwen Roman Shelton Intermediate School

BEGINNERS Mondays, 6:50 - 7:40PM 10 Sessions, begins September 16 \$99 652S

INTERMEDIATE Mondays, 6:00 - 6:50PM 10 Sessions, begins September 16 \$99 6545

FALL YOGA CLASSES

New! Laughter Yoga

Laughter yoga increases the oxygen supply to the brain and body, potentially resulting in reduction of stress and physical pain. Each class includes a warm-up, movement with laughter, laughter meditation, and a calming meditation.

Dr. Lori Monaco Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00PM 2 Sessions, begins September 23 Shelton Intermediate School \$49 670D

New! Hatha Yoga and Meditation Seminar

Enjoy a restorative Hatha Yoga session preparing the body for a silent seated meditation followed by a guided meditation. Feel focused, rested, and renewed! Ages 14+. Bring mat. Held at TOP Martial Arts and Fitness For Life, 90 Bridgeport Ave., Shelton.

Ellen Reichelt & Amba Jeanne Dziewulski Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00PM 1 Session, September 28 TOP Martial Arts & Fitness for Life \$49 511Y

Gentle Yoga

A simple yet profound experience of connecting body, mind and spirit. Eliminate stress and tension and experience peace of mind. Increase flexibility, reduce stress, and bring calm to your life. Bring a mat or blanket and wear loose, comfortable clothing. No Class 10/14.

Beverly Corvino Shelton Intermediate School

BEGINNERS

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30PM 9 Sessions, begins September 16 \$89 610S Beg Mon Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM 10 Sessions, begins September 18 \$99 610S Beg Wed

ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00PM 9 Sessions, begins September 16 \$89 614S Adv Mon Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30PM 10 Sessions, begins September 18 \$99 614S Adv Wed

WINTER – All Levels Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30PM 9 Sessions, begins December 4 No class 12/25, 1/1. \$89 614S Winter



German

For those with little or no prior exposure to this language but want to learn because of heritage, interest or for travel. Learn from a native speaker. Bring the book *German in 10 Minutes a Day.*

Ursula Michaelis Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM 6 Sessions, begins October 9 Shelton Intermediate School \$99 314S

Polish

Learn Polish from a native speaker. Learn the language or brush up on your knowledge. Book fee of \$20 payable to the instructor the first day of class.

Aneta Matyszczyk Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM 6 Sessions, begins September 18 Ansonia High School \$99 305A

Italian

Learn the basics of this beautiful language. Food, travel, lodging, restaurants, shopping and more. Bring the book *Italian Made Simple* to class. No Class 11/5.

Sylvana Serravezza Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM 6 Sessions, begins September 17 Shelton Intermediate School \$99 303S1

Spanish

Learn the basics of Spanish and practice conversational skills for travel, work or daily life. Book required, instructor will email with the information.

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM 6 Sessions, begins September 18 Shelton Intermediate School \$99 311S1

ARTS & CRAFTS



Watercolor Painting

Explore watercolor painting including techniques for using watercolor as an expressive and versatile art. Demonstrations and step-by-step instruction. Bring a watercolor pad, paint kit and brushes to the class the first day. No class 10/14.

Stephen DiRienzo Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30PM 6 Sessions, begins September 16 Shelton Intermediate School \$99 805S

New! Twisted Tangle

Learn a meditative drawing art form. Spend time encouraging your creative flow through the use of tangle patterns.

Rosemarie Main Monday, 6:45PM - 8:45PM 1 Session, September 30 Shelton Intermediate School \$29 806SS

New! Needle Felting

Needle felting transforms wool roving yarn into 3D sculptures using a special needle. Learn to needle felt a cute Fall Pumpkin about 2.5" tall out of 100% wool. Material fee of \$5 payable to the instructor the day of class.

Kayleigh Mihalko Saturday, 10:00AM - 12:00PM 1 Session, October 19 Adult Learning Center, Shelton \$39 908V.

New! Mixed Media Altered Bottle Art

Transform used wine bottles, mason jars or other glass bottles into decorative vases. Learn techniques to apply paint to create a one of a kind work of art that you will be proud to display. Photos on vrae.org. \$10 material fee includes bottle due instructor the day of class.

Ximena Acosta Espin Saturday, 9:00AM - 1:00PM 1 Session, September 14 Adult Learning Center, Shelton \$39 908V1

New! Bead Embroidery

Learn to add beads to your projects. This technique can be applied to jewelry, fiber art, quilting, clothing or anything you want to add your personality and special touch. Photos on www.vrae.org. \$15 material fee due to instructor the day of class.

Ximena Acosta Espin Saturday, 9:00AM - 1:00PM 1 Session, September 28 Adult Learning Center, Shelton \$39

New! Tunisian Crochet

Tunisian crochet (the afghan stitch) is a variation of regular crochet, using a long hook resembling a knitting needle with a crochet hook on the end. Basic knowledge of crochet needed. Material fee of \$10 payable to instructor the first day of class. Tunisian hook and yarn will be provided. Held at Foran High School, 80 Foran Road, Milford.

Deborah Zotian Tuesday, 6:00PM - 8:00PM 4 Sessions, October 8 Foran High School, Milford \$65 204M

New! Furniture Painting

Learn the basics of the Annie Sloan Chalk Paint® method, including: two-color finish, smooth/modern, rustic finish, and colored wash, plus wax application, dry brushing, frottage, ombre finish, and more. No chemicals or stripping. \$10 materials fee due to instructor each class.

Daniella Toth Shelton Intermediate School Tuesdays, 5:30- 9:00PM 2 Sessions, begins October 1 \$125 902S

Tuesdays, 5:30- 9:00PM 2 Sessions, begins November 12 \$125 902S1

Tuesdays, 5:30- 9:00PM 2 Sessions, begins January 14 \$125 902S2-Winter

Know Your Sewing Machine

Find out how to use your sewing machine. A pattern is not required for this class, fabric supplied. Students must bring a portable sewing machine and basic supplies (thread, scissors, 6" ruler, needles). This class is NOT suitable for Serger machines.

Josephine Lifrieri Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30PM 1 Session, September 18 Shelton Intermediate School \$39 904S

Sewing Class

Expanded to 8 sessions! Learn the fundamentals of selecting fabric, reading a pattern, layout, cutting and stitching. Class limit 8. Prerequisite: Familiar with the basic operation of a sewing machine. Bring a portable sewing machine (not required the first class) and basic supplies (thread, scissors, 6" ruler, needles). This class is NOT suitable for Serger machines.

Josephine Lifrieri Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30PM 8 Sessions, begins September 25 Shelton Intermediate School \$169 902S

Woodcarving

This course is for beginners wanting to learn the art of woodcarving, and will guide you through the steps needed to finish a hand-carved piece. Tools supplied. Held at Jonathan Law High School, 20 Lansdale Ave., Milford.

Ken Cowden Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30PM 5 Sessions, begins September 23 Jonathan Law High School \$75 201M

Woodworking

Plan and complete your own project while learning fundamentals of woodworking and the proper use of various large power tools. Note: class dates are subject to change based on instructor's schedule. Held at Jonathan Law High School, 20 Lansdale Ave., Milford.

Chris Sweetwood Jonathan Law High School BEGINNER Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00PM 6 Sessions, begins September 25 \$99 202N

ADVANCED

Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00PM 6 Sessions, begins September 26 \$99 203M



Online Arts & Crafts Classes

- Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking
- Introduction to Journaling
- Sound And Art: Using The Ears And Eyes To Heal
- Drawing for the Absolute Beginner
- Start Your Own Arts and Crafts Business

Prices range from \$99 - \$119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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DIGITAL LITERACY

New! Google - Gmail, Maps, Photos, Sharing

Google is not only for searching! Store photos, sync calendars, keep to-do lists, and more!

Gregory Parkhurst Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 2 Masuk High School (Monroe) \$39

Facebook

Learn to create a profile, tailor your privacy settings, connect with family and friends, and explore groups and games.

Gregory Parkhurst Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 23 Masuk High School (Monroe) \$39

Microsoft Word

Learn to add and edit text; work on two or more documents simultaneously; format text. Also see save, retrieve, copy, organize, and print. Bring a USB flash drive to class. No Class 9/30.

Bonnie Waring Masuk High School (Monroe) BEGINNER Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30PM 3 Sessions, begins September 16 \$119 104M1

INTERMEDIATE Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30PM 3 Sessions, begins October 21 \$139 104M2

Microsoft Excel

Learn screen elements, navigation and selection techniques to create and edit your spreadsheet. Bring a USB flash drive to save your work. No Class 10/9.

Bonnie Waring Masuk High School (Monroe) BEGINNER Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30PM 4 Sessions, begins September 18 \$125 105M1

INTERMEDIATE
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30PM
4 Sessions, begins October 23
\$145 105M2

online classes

Online Technology Classes

- Intro QuickBooks Online
- Introduction to SQL
- Introduction to Python 3 Programming
- Adobe Products
- Computer Skills for the Workplace
- PC Troubleshooting
- Technology Certification Prep
- Technical Writing

More than 100 classes to choose from. Prices range from \$99 - \$119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital Photography

Explore the basic and advanced features of your interchangeable dSLR camera. One class will meet on a Saturday afternoon to shoot landscapes. Email the instructor with questions: schmittphoto@hotmail.com. Bring your dSLR camera and manual to class.

Brian Schmitt Shelton Intermediate School BEGINNER Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM 6 Sessions, begins September 18

\$149

ADVANCED Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM 6 Sessions, begins November 6 \$149 153S

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Digital Photography Classes & Self-Paced Study Guides

- Travel Photography
- Photographing People
- Photographing Nature

There are 20 online classes and self-paced study guides about digital photography and editing.

Prices range from \$99 - \$119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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New! Bollywood Dance

Learn the Bollywood dance form, a mix of Indian classical dance and hip hop. A great way to break a little bit of sweat while having fun and listening to happy music. Held at Bollywood Studios, 477 Main St, Monroe, CT 06468

Jigna Trivedi Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00PM 8 Sessions, begins September 17 Bollywood Studios \$109 500Y4

New! Adult Tap

Come learn, exercise and laugh as you shuffle, chug and buffalo along to great music. Wear comfortable clothes, tap shoes or sneakers and bring a water bottle. Tap shoes can be purchased a week before class for \$35. Held at Step By Step Dance Academy, 495 River Road, Santo's Plaza 2nd Floor, Shelton.

Stephanie Rose Fridays, 6:30 - 7:15PM 8 Sessions, begins September 20 Step By Step Dance Academy \$119 500Y3

Ballroom Dance

Learn basic elements and techniques of ballroom dances under the direction of our professional instructor. You will be introduced to a variety of dances. Instruction will be given in step patterns, timing, continuity, and style while learning to lead or follow successfully. The purpose of this class is to promote and develop confidence on the dance floor. Wear comfortable clothes and non-slip shoes (sneakers ok). Fee per couple. Limited to 12 couples.

NEW INSTRUCTOR! George Maderski Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30PM 8 Sessions, begins September 18 Shelton Intermediate School \$159 502S

Country Line Dance

Enjoy learning to line dance from the basic steps to putting them all together with various assortment of music rhythms. Come have fun learning easy steps as you move in this low impact dance form. No partners needed. No open toe or heeled shoes allowed. No class 11/5.

Rebecca Williamson Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM 8 Sessions, begins September 17 Shelton Intermediate School \$99 503S



CAREER & WORK

New! Public Speaking

Speaking to a group of people is one of the most time-effective ways to share your message. Learn how to clarify your message, connect with your listeners and keep conversations going. Tips to control your speaking nerves will be practiced. \$25 material fee due instructor the first day of class.

Beth Stoller Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00PM 3 Sessions, begins September 16 Shelton Intermediate School \$69 468S

CT Security Officer Certification Course

Upon successful completion of the course, approved by the CT State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, you will obtain a certificate required to obtain your CT Security Officer Identification Card (Guard Card) allowing you to work as a uniformed security officer for licensed CT employers.

Joseph Porto
Saturday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM
1 Session, September 28
Adult Learning Center, Shelton
\$99
550V

Bookkeeping Basics

Learn the basics of bookkeeping, how to analyze and record financial transactions, and prepare various financial reports. Topics will include: accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll procedures, sales taxes and other common banking activities.

Helga Bowen Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:45PM 4 Sessions, begins October 23 Shelton Intermediate School \$99 225S



You're on the Air! (How to Really Make it in Voice-Overs!)

Learn to get around the competition and turn voice-overs into a thriving business! You've heard the instructor - now hear him live as he illustrates how to use your speaking voice for commercials, films and videos!

James Seawood Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 7 Shelton Intermediate School \$49 204S



Online Career & Work Classes & Training

Prepare for a career or enhance your career in:

- A to Z Grantwriting
- Fitness Business Management
- · Accounting Fundamentals
- Grammar Refresher
- Project Management Fundamentals
- Medical Terminology

There are over 300 career training courses available online.

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New! Interior Design Series

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30PM Shelton Intermediate School

Floor Plans

Start planning the room YOU want to create. Create a focal point, overcome obstacles and draw a floor plan. Design your room using existing furnishings and discuss how to budget for future purchases. See your room through new eyes.

Holly Dar 1 Session, October 10 \$59

738S1

Blending Fabric Patterns

Learn how to blend colors, mix textures and choose paint colors. Discuss the psychology of color and how it affects your decorating scheme. Address the challenges of your design process. Begin a color board for your project.

Holly Dar 1 Session, October 17 \$59

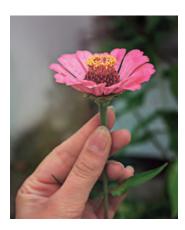
738S2

Floors, Walls and Lighting

Discover the type of flooring best for your room and how to address the lighting in the room and what to put on the walls. Learn some tips on hanging artwork, mirrors and other decorations.

Holly Dar 1 Session, October 24 \$59

738S3



New! Prepare the Garden for Fall and Winter

Fall lawn maintenance, winterizing plants and the planting of garden bulbs tips and techniques will be shared in class. Bring your questions.

Karel Julian Monday, 6:30 – 8:00PM 1 Session, September 23 Shelton Intermediate School \$25 736S

New! Plant Safety: Two Sides to Every Leaf

Choose your house and yard plants with knowledge as to whether or not they are harmful to humans or pets. Plants can contain dangerous leaves, flowers and berries. Increase your awareness of common toxic plants and what to safely purchase.

Karel Julian Monday, 6:30 – 8:00PM 1 Session, October 7 Shelton Intermediate School \$25 736S

online classes

Online Home & Garden Classes

- The Power of Design: Healthy Buildings, Healthy Communities
- Nature And Healing: The Power Of Connection
- Start Your Own Edible Garden
- Growing Plants for Fun and Profit

Prices range from \$99 - \$119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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Online Learning

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ADVANCED CAREER TRAINING

- 6-18 Month
 Format
- All materials included
- Prepare for certification
- Student advisors

Courses Include:

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- Optician Certification Training
- CompTIA Certification Training: A+, Network + Security + (Vouchers included)
- Web Design Professional
- Digital Game Artist Certificate
- Administrative Professional w/ MS Office Specialist 2016
- Mobile and Desktop Web Developer
- Medical Billing & Coding

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ONLINE COURSES

- 6 Week Format
- Discussion Areas
- Monthly start sessions
- Expert Instructor

Courses Include:

- Speed Spanish
- Accounting Fundamentals
- . A to Z Grant Writing
- Grammar Refresher
- Basic CompTIA A+ Certification Prep
- Creating WordPress Websites
- Medical Terminology:
 A Word Association Approach
- Introduction to SQL
- Secrets to Better Photography
- Real Estate Investing

Visit our website to find a course!

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FOOD & NUTRITION

New! Gluten-Free Eating

Learn which foods to eat and avoid if you have Celiac disease, gluten intolerance, wheat sensitivity or wheat allergies. It's not just in your foods! Recipes will be shared.

Debbie Barbiero Monday, 6:30 - 8:15PM 1 Session, September 23 Shelton Intermediate School \$39 223S

3-Day Detox Cleanse

It's time to get your healthy back on track and reclaim your health! Be guided through a simple 3-day cleanse of fresh, seasonal foods while the instructor prepares one of the meals for you to enjoy during class. Receive a shopping list and recipes for breakfast, lunch and dinner for 3 days. Held at Metamorphosis Body, Mind & Spirit, 32 Woodfield Drive, Shelton.

Debbie Barbiero Monday, 6:30 - 8:15PM 1 Session, September 16 Metamorphosis Body, Mind & Spirit \$39

How Nutrition Can Reduce Inflammation in your Body

Learn which foods to avoid and to include in your diet to give you more energy, reduce pain and bloat, which is a result of inflammation in your body. A great class for people trying to lose weight, manage thyroid, Type II diabetes and other inflammatory diseases.

Debbie Barbiero Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:15PM 1 Session, September 17 Shelton Intermediate School \$39 222S



New! Thyroid Healing Nutrition

What you eat affects how your thyroid works. Learn the foods needed to maintain and improve thyroid health and those to avoid while battling thyroid disease. Your instructor improved her health with proper nutrition while battling Hashimoto's disease.

Debbie Barbiero Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:15PM 1 Session, September 24 Shelton Intermediate School \$39 672S



Online Food Classes

- Luscious, Low-Fat, Lightning-Quick Meals
- Start Your Own Edible Garden

Prices range from \$99 - \$119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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Deb's Healthy Plate Classes

*At Deb's Healthy Plate, 32 Woodfield Drive, Shelton

Healthy Dinner: Chicken Piccata with Risotto

Come prepare healthier versions of an old favorite. Cook and learn the nutrition information and tips to improve your health. \$10 material fee due to instructor.

Debbie Barbiero Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, September 30 \$39 410Y3

Homemade Pastas

Make different homemade pasta and sauce each class: Gnocchi with Bolognese Sauce, Ravioli with Tomato Sauce and Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce. \$25 material fee due instructor.

Debbie Barbiero Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM 3 Sessions, begins October 1 \$99 410Y4

Healthy Dessert: Chocolate Raspberry Decadence

Come prepare healthier versions of an old favorite. Cook and learn the nutrition information and tips to improve your health. \$10 material fee due to instructor.

Debbie Barbiero Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 7 \$39 410Y1

New! Pierogies

Learn to make perfect and delicious pierogies. \$10 material fee due instructor.

Debbie Barbiero Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 28 \$39 410Y50

Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, November 12 \$39 410Y5N

Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, December 2 \$39 410Y5D



New! Advocacy Training for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs

Learn about federal laws as they pertain to special education, effective advocacy strategies, and care for the caregiver. This course will empower caregivers to advocate for their children with special needs.

Erin Lamb Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00PM 3 Sessions, begins September 16 Shelton Intermediate School \$49 467S

New! Medicare Basics

Are you or a loved one about to turn 65 and getting ready to sign up for Medicare? Attend this Medicare 101 course to learn about Original Medicare, Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, whether prescriptions are covered, how much it will cost, and the enrollment deadlines. We will also educate you on Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription drug plans, and Medicare Supplement plans. This is an informational seminar.

Cindy Ryall
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM
1 Session, begins October 1
Shelton Intermediate School
\$19
467S

New! Google for Parents

Understanding your Child's Google Classroom. Many school districts have students use Google Classroom as their learning and homework portal. Parents will learn the components and know the difference between what they can see as a parent and what their child can see in Google Classroom.

Gregory Parkhurst Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM 1 Session, October 16 Masuk High School (Monroe) \$39

New! Researching Your Roots - Step I

Begin to trace your family tree. Be connected to the resources professional researchers use. Start your research in class with access to some of the instructors paid genealogical subscriptions. Bring a laptop or tablet to class.

Sarah Miller Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:45PM 1 Session, September 24 Shelton Intermediate School \$59 268S

New! Digging Deeper into Your Roots - Step II

Need assistance to delve further and break through family tree roadblocks. This class features a case study of how the instructor solved a challenging ancestral mystery and also introduces international research. Part of the class will be spent on research. Bring a laptop or tablet to class.

Sarah Miller Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:45PM 1 Session, October 22 Shelton Intermediate School \$59 269S



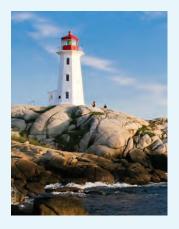
Online Family Classes

- Ready, Set, Read!
- Helping Elderly Parents
- Happy, Healthy Pregnancy
- Understanding Adolescents
- Write Your Life Story

Prices range from \$99 - \$119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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2019 FALL BUS TRIPS



Where will YOU go?

Tour the city? Visit a vineyard? See a show?

Take your pick, then sit back and enjoy the ride! Bring along your morning coffee and eats or wait for the coffee stop along the way. Just remember, always be prepared. You may leave jackets, umbrellas and items on the bus during the day if not needed. Note: Itinerary and times subject to slight changes. Find more details about each trip on our website, www.vrae.org

DEPARTS FROM: Shelton Municipal Parking Lot 415 Howe Ave., Shelton

(Next to Shelton's Farmer's Market)

Discover Maine -The Way Life Should Be

Start at the Nubble Lighthouse, enjoy a lunch of Maine seafood at Fox's Restaurant then make a quick stop in the quaint downtown of York, ME. Next to Ogunquit for a street stroll or walk the Marginal Way. Then off to Kennebunkport for a visit where you can enjoy on your own a delicious lobster roll, watch the sunset over the harbor, or have coffee and snacks, shop great little boutiques, or watch the boats in the harbor.

Saturday, September 14 7:00AM - 9:00PM, \$109

NY State of Mind

Enjoy a day of wine tasting and food. Visit three wineries in the Hudson Valley area and one vineyard in CT. Lunch at one of the vineyards and cheese and crackers at another vineyard are included in the price.

Saturday, September 21 8:15AM - 6:30PM, \$109

A Day in Salem: Witches and Broomsticks

Tour the House of Seven Gables and the Witch House. Have ample time to enjoy Salem's Haunted Happening Festival shopping, eating and visiting other attractions at your leisure. End the day with a candlelit evening walking tour through Salem.

Saturday, October 19 8:00AM - 10:00PM, \$109

NYC - Chelsea Market, Eataly, Highline and Meatpacking District Tour

Walk and eat your way through the Meatpacking District including Chelsea Market, and the High Line! Final stop Eataly NYC in the Flatiron District.

Saturday, October 26 8:15AM - 8:00PM, \$109

Kittery

Enjoy a Down East Lobsterbake at Foster's for lunch then walk off your meal at the Kittery Outlets for plenty of shopping.

Saturday, November 2 7:30AM - 9:00PM, \$109

Boston's North End's Little Italy

Soak in the history and culture of the North End while enjoying delicious foods in this historic neighborhood while on our Boston's North End Little Italy Walking Food Tour!

Saturday, November 16 8:00AM - 9:00PM, \$109

Radio City - Rockettes

Enjoy New York City's one and only Christmas Spectacular, see the Christmas Tree in Rockefeller Center and have time for dining and shopping on your own.

Saturday, December 7 7:15AM - 7:00PM, \$175



Free Academic Programs: Fall 2019 Schedule

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident of Ansonia,
 Derby, Monroe,
 Seymour, or
 Shelton.
- All students are accepted on a first-come, firstserved basis.
 Class size limited.
- Prior to class, all students must complete a registration process.
- New students must take a placement assessment.
- All programs are for students age 17 and older and officially withdrawn from school.

Daytime Programs

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Students improve their reading, writing, speaking and understanding of English. Based on assessment results students are assigned to one of three leveled classes.

Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton Monday-Friday, 9:30AM – 12:30PM

REGISTRATION: Thursday, September 12 & Friday, September 13 at 9:30AM Classes begin on Monday, September 16 9:30AM

ABE/GED® PREPARATION

Students prepare to improve their academic knowledge in Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning through Language Arts in order to take the GED® test. If you are 17 years of age you must also provide a copy of your withdrawal letter signed by your parent/guardian from the last day school you attended to register for class. For more information on the exam visit GED.com. We will assist you to setup your account and you will have the opportunity to take official practice tests in class.

Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton Monday-Friday, 10:00AM – 12:30PM

REGISTRATION: Thursday, September 12 & Friday, September 13 at 10:00AM Classes begin on Monday, September 16 10:00AM







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- Free Parking
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- State Certified Teachers
- Counselors Available
- Free Wi-Fi
- Serving the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Monroe, Seymour & Shelton

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Evening Programs

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Students improve their reading, writing, speaking and understanding of English. Based on assessment results students are assigned to one of three leveled classes.

Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 8:30PM

REGISTRATION: Tuesday, September 10 & Thursday, September 12 at 6:00PM Classes begin on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00PM Masuk High School (multi-level class) 1014 Monroe Tpk., Monroe Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM

REGISTRATION: Monday, September 9 at 6:30PM Classes begin on Monday, September 16 at 6:30PM

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Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton

Monday & Wednesday, 6:00PM – 8:30PM

REGISTRATION:

Monday, September 9 & Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00PM Class begins Monday, September 16 at 6:00PM

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT DIPLOMA PROGRAM (AHSCDP)

Students can fulfill the State of Connecticut's AHSCDP requirements by earning credits needed for high school completion. Classes include English, Math, Science, Social Studies, electives, work experience, training, military experience, community service and transference of previous credits. Classes are held at the Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove Street, Shelton. Upon completion of 21 credits of approved instruction, students receive a Valley Regional Adult High School Diploma. Call to begin the registration process,

SESSION 1: September-October, SESSION 2: October-December Classes are held Monday -Thursday, 4:30PM-5:30PM and Monday & Wednesday 5:45PM-7:45PM and Tuesday & Thursday 5:45PM-7:45PM

CITIZENSHIP

To become an American citizen is a dream of many who come to this country. Citizenship classes teach American history and government.

Shelton Intermediate School 675 Constitution Blvd. North, Shelton Wednesday, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

REGISTRATION: Wednesday, September 18 @ 5:30PM Classes begin on Wednesday, September 18 @ 5:30PM

NATIONAL EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

A computer-based high school diploma program for adults who have acquired their academic skills through life and work experiences. Learn more about this new program by attending the Orientation Session.

ORIENTATION SESSION Wednesday, September 11, October 9,

November 13, December 11 & January 8 @ 5:30PM

a program of Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center 54 Grove St., Shelton

Register for the Orientation Session by calling 203.924.6651.

GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATION

All activities offered by VRAE are held in accessible locations. Accommodations for individuals with a disability are available upon request. Please contact Lee Wolf, 203.924.6651.

GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED®) TEST **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Accommodations for the GED® test are available for qualified individuals with a disability. For more information call 203.924.6651. You may also contact Sabrina Mancini at the Connecticut State Department of Education at (860) 807-2110.

NO CHARGE FOR MATERIALS FOR MANDATED **COURSES**

VRAE is in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec.10-73a and does not charge fees for registration, textbooks or materials used in mandated program areas.

TOP 30 ONLINE CLASSES

Ranked by Online Students

- 1. Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016
- 2. Accounting Fundamentals
- 3. Speed Spanish
- 4. A to Z Grant Writing
- 5. Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016
- 6. Introduction to SQL
- 7. Grammar Refresher
- 8. Project Management Fundamentals
- 9. Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach
- 10. Discover Sign Language
- 11. Introduction to Python 3 Programming
- 12. Accounting Fundamentals II
- 13. Introduction to QuickBooks Online
- 14. GRE Preparation Part 1 (Verbal and Analytical)
- 15. Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016
- 16. Human Anatomy and Physiology
- 17. Explore a Career in Medical Coding
- 18. Stocks, Bonds, and Investing: Oh, My!
- 19. Introduction to Interior Design
- 20. Writing Essentials
- 21. Effective Business Writing
- 22. Computer Skills for the Workplace
- 23. Spanish for Medical Professionals
- 24. Administrative Assistant Fundamentals
- 25. Creating WordPress Websites
- 26. Solving Classroom Discipline Problems
- 27. Speed Spanish II
- 28. Real Estate Investing
- 29. GRE Preparation Part 2 (Quantitative)
- 30. Project Management Professional (PMP) Prep

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ONLINE COURSES



COMPLETE YOUR COURSES ANYTIME ANYWHERE!

Our online courses are informative, fun, convenient, and highly interactive.

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Instructor-Facilitated 6-week Format Flexible Pace
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For more information or to enroll, visit

www.ed2go.com/vrae





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Changing the world, one child at a time

Volunteering just one hour a week can make a world of difference in the life of a child.

No prior experience is needed, other than the desire to help a child who is going through a difficult time. Mentors and mentees come from all different walks of life, and come together to shoot hoops, read a story, or just share a laugh or two. The only requirements are a good heart and the willingness to help.

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Call Valerie at: 203-924-1023 x336

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REGISTRATION FORM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "VRAE."

NAME:	 	
ADDRESS: _	 	
CITY:	 _ STATE:	_ ZIP:
PHONE:	 	
EMAIL:		

STUDENT	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE/BUS TRIP	FEE
		PROCESSING FEE	\$6.00
		TOTAL	

Mail this form including check or money order if applicable to:
Valley Regional Adult Education, Attn: Enrichment,
54 Grove St., Shelton, CT 06484. The returned check fee is \$45.

VRAE ENRICHMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Unless you are notified to the contrary, courses will run as scheduled. You will be notified only if a class is canceled. We do not confirm registrations.
- There is a \$6 processing fee charged for each order. This processing fee will be refunded if a class is canceled.
- Classes are for adults only, unless specified.
- STORM DAY POLICY: When bad weather closes the regular public schools or there is an early dismissal ALL classes will be canceled.
- REFUND POLICY: Classes if you cancel 1 week prior to the start of
 class you will receive a credit voucher for the class fee. Bus Trips if
 you cancel 30 days prior to the trip you will receive a credit voucher
 for the fee. Credit vouchers can be used for any class/trip and can
 be shared with others.
- No classes during school vacations, holidays, school parent/teacher conferences or other special events. Your instructor will notify you of any schedule changes.
- For directions and more information, please visit: www.vrae.org.



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Visit www.vrae.org for additional classes & updates.

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