



Never Stop Learning: Invest in Your Future and Open New Doors to Life with Switzerland Basel Continuing Education



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Continuing education plays an important role for individuals, society, and the economy. The constant changes in the labor market and technological developments challenge adults to adapt and grow professionally throughout their working lives. Switzerland, with its institutions and society, gives importance to continuous education and training. Participation in continuing education and training is above average in Switzerland. Swiss continuing education and training (CET) is highly diverse. In Switzerland, there is a comprehensive and varied range of continuing education and training programs. Those who wish to participate in a CET program can choose from a wide array of providers and formats. This includes courses, seminars, programs, and CET courses, as well as learning opportunities outside of formal course structures. This field also encompasses visits to museums and workshops, readings, excursions, and conferences, for example. Continuing education and training also includes e-learning and blended learning, work-based learning, and independent use of learning materials or specialist literature. CET also covers learning in self-organized groups. The cantons coordinate transregional tasks in continuing education and training through the Swiss Conference on Continuing Education and Training (SWBK). The SWBK is a specialized conference within the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK) and advocates for lifelong learning. The Canton of Basel-Stadt also places great importance on continuing education through its institutions and society. The continuing education offerings of the Canton of Basel-Stadt provide a wide range of courses and further education opportunities that are accessible regardless of your prior education. Some of these valuable continuing education courses are summarized in this study. We have tried to present some of the courses offered for continuing education. In fact, there are many more public and private education and training courses in Basel. As long as you want to learn, you will always be able to find courses in Basel that are suitable for you and that interest you.

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Dear Readers,

Continuing education plays an important role for individuals, society, and the economy. The constant changes in the labor market and technological developments challenge adults to adapt and grow professionally throughout their working lives. Switzerland, with its institutions and society, gives importance to continuous education and training. Participation in continuing education and training is above average in Switzerland (SBFI, 2025a). The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SBFI) collaborates with the cantons, professional organizations, and other partners to provide a comprehensive range of appealing training options that prepare individuals for the future (SBFI, 2025b).

Continuing education and training (CET) serves to improve and update skills, abilities, and knowledge, as well as to expand them to encompass new fields and tasks. CET activities take place alongside the formal education and training system. This can take place in organized courses (non-formal education) or through informal learning (self-directed learning). The cantons coordinate transregional tasks in continuing education and training through the Swiss Conference on Continuing Education and Training (SWBK). The SWBK is a specialized conference within the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK) and advocates for lifelong learning. The cantonal representatives for continuing education and training constitute the SWBK (EDK, 2025a). The SWBK supports the implementation of the EDK's recommendations on continuing education and facilitates the exchange of experiences among the cantons and language regions (EDK, 2025b).

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The Canton of Basel-Stadt also places great importance on continuing education through its institutions and society. The continuing education offerings of the Canton of Basel-Stadt provide a wide range of courses and further education opportunities that are accessible regardless of your prior education. Some of these valuable continuing education courses are summarized below. For more information, you can click on the subject headings and visit the relevant institution page.

General Vocational School Basel (Die Allgemeine Gewerbeschule Basel - AGS Basel)

The Allgemeine Gewerbeschule Basel (AGS Basel) offers a wide range of language courses, including English, French, and Italian. Here, you can also improve your spelling. Mathematics courses, computer science training, job-related courses, and sports activities complement the school's course offerings (Erziehungsdepartement, 2025). In addition to professional qualifications, the social and personality-building aspects are also important. Only the interaction of these areas leads to the achievement of professional goals and qualifications, as well as personal success (AGS Basel, 2025).

Vocational School Basel (Berufsfachschule Basel - BFS Basel)

As part of the courses offered by the Basel Vocational School (BFS) in various home economics subjects, you can acquire both the necessary know-how and in-depth knowledge. Further training courses in the field of early childhood education, care, and upbringing, as well as higher vocational education and training courses, are also part of the school's offerings (Erziehungsdepartement, 2025). At the Basel Vocational School, continuing education has a long tradition. Vocational and general training will open up new perspectives for you. BFS Basel offers an extensive range of courses that are divided into the following areas (BFS Basel, 2025):

- Fashion and design
- Nutrition and home economics
- Social professions
- Childhood Education HF (HF Child Education)
- Early language development course
- Didactics module hairdresser/hairdresser
- Professional examination for retail trade specialist with Swiss Federal Diploma Specialist certificate
- Vocational qualification for adults
- Other offers

Health Education Centre (Bildungszentrum Gesundheit Basel – BZG Basel)

The Health Education Centre (BZG) offers further training and advice on health-related topics. The needs of each institution are different, and the solutions are correspondingly diverse (Erziehungsdepartement, 2025). BZG's program is constantly being expanded without losing sight of its focus (BZG Basel, 2025).

School of Design Basel (Schule für Gestaltung Basel – SfG Basel)

The public courses offered by the Basel School of Design (SfG) are aimed at a broad audience and cover areas such as drawing, color/painting, sculptural design,

typeface/typography, textile design, manual printing techniques, bookbinding, photography, and digital media. In addition to quarterly and semester courses, the school also offers workshops, lecture series, and job-related courses (Erziehungsdepartement, 2025). SfG's public continuing education courses are aimed at professionals, apprentices, students, and anyone (SfG Basel, 2025).

KV Basel

"German Correspondence" is the title of the course that imparts precisely this know-how. In addition to language courses in German, English, French, Spanish, and Italian, KV Basel also offers word processing and computer science courses (Erziehungsdepartement, 2025). Continuing education courses at KV Basel have been providing vocational education and training for over 150 years (KV Basel, 2025).

K'Werk Bildschule

The K'Werk Bildschule offers semester courses, workshops, and holiday courses. Here, under professional guidance, participants paint, draw, print, design, photograph, and film. The K'Werk Bildschule is part of the Basel School of Design (Erziehungsdepartement, 2025). At K'Werk, children and young people can design, experiment, and discover without any pressure to perform (K'Werk, 2025).

The Courses of the Basel-Stadt Canton : Information on over 120 different seminars can be found on the website www.weiterbildung.bs.ch (HR BS, 2025).

Continuing Education for Teachers

Teacher training contributes to the professionalization of teachers and school leaders. It serves to develop and maintain the quality of teaching and schools. Teacher training supports teachers throughout the entire duration of their professional careers and across the full spectrum of professions. It helps ensure that teachers and school administrators can work competently and in good cooperation. The continuing education program has been developed over many years in close cooperation between the cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft (Basler Bildungsserver, 2025). Browse around 400 courses that will be offered in 2025: www.kurse-pz.bs.ch

The University of Basel offers a wide range of continuing education courses that combine science and professional practice in an ideal way and promote careers. [Further education](#) is an integral part of career planning. It is often the starting point for major professional changes. The University of Basel offers more than 80 postgraduate and part-time [Continuing Education Programs](#) from all disciplines (University Basel, 2025).

The Stiftung Volkshochschule und Senioren Universität beider Basel (VHSBB) presents an attractive, varied, and up-to-date range of courses in the field of nature. In this way, it fulfills its mission of providing low-threshold access to high-quality general education that is open to all. Rooted in the University of Basel, the adult education center has been promoting general and cultural education, as well as dialogue between science and society, since 1919 and supports individuals in their desire to develop further, educate themselves, and acquire new skills and knowledge (VHSBB, 2025).

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