

Hope, Education & Inspiration in Pittsburgh

Since 1968, Manchester Bidwell Corporation's (MBC) non-profit organizations have served thousands of adults and youth in the Pittsburgh region by providing instruction, guidance, and mentorship in career and arts education. MBC and its subsidiaries, Bidwell Training Center (BTC) and Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG), are committed to reaching further—reaching beyond existing barriers or perceptions—with the goal of accomplishing greater things with each challenge.

Bidwell Training Center

www.bidwell-training.org

BTC, a non-profit organization, was established in 1968 and incorporated in 1969.

BTC provides career training for approximately 200 adults-in-transition per year in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Additionally, BTC serves approximately 400 adults through literacy, GED and remediation programs.

Mission

To change lives by providing career training and academic enrichment to adults in transition.



Accreditations, Licenses and Affiliations

BTC's career training majors are accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCCT) and the pharmacy technician major is accredited additionally by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.

BTC is licensed by the Pennsylvania Board of Private Licensed Schools.

BTC is affiliated with, or are members of, over 10 national and regional professional associations.

Career Training Majors

Diploma

The **Culinary Arts** major emphasizes classic cuisine fundamentals and the importance of management skills while providing hands-on experience in a fully equipped professional kitchen.

The **Office Technology** major emphasizes business instruction and extensive hands-on training in modern computer labs utilizing the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

The **Horticulture Technology** major provides core instruction in agriculture/horticulture and develops a strong background in the plant sciences while making connections to critical environmental issues.

The **Medical Claims Processor** major teaches claims analysis, claims processing coordination and compliance with federal, state and insurance laws.

The **Health Unit Coordinator** major trains students to coordinate patient services in health care facilities including records management, transcription, and clerical functions.

The **Medical Coder** major teaches students to analyze medical records and properly assign correct codes to medical diagnoses and procedures.

The **Pharmacy Technician** major instructs students in assisting registered pharmacists in both institutional and retail settings through rigorous science and technique courses. Students complete a volunteer experience at a retail pharmacy and a six-week institutional externship.

Occupational Associate's Degree in Specialized Technology

The **Chemical Laboratory Technician** major — an intensive, one-year course of study — prepares students for entry-level jobs in the chemical industry or other related fields. Through focused courses in math, science, laboratory and analysis techniques, and an externship, students learn the practical skills used in modern laboratories.

Literacy and Academic Enrichment

BTC's literacy and academic enrichment services are tailored to meet the unique needs of the students. These services include GED preparation, literacy services, tutoring, math and reading skills enhancement.



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Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

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Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG), a non-profit organization, was established in 1968 and incorporated in 1972.

MCG Jazz, a program of MCG, was established in 1987.



Mission

A national model for education, training and hope, MCG's missions are to: reshape the business of social change through the arts, entrepreneurship, and community partnerships; and preserve, present, and promote jazz.

MCG Youth

Through year-round youth arts programs, MCG Youth serves approximately 2,000 students in grades K–12 annually, primarily from the Pittsburgh Public School (PPS) district. These programs include—but are not limited to—courses in ceramics, design and digital arts, and photography; career and college exposure activities for youth; workshops with and exhibits by internationally renowned artists; and educational opportunities for principals, teachers, and the community.

School Day programs

The **Artists-in-Schools** program places MCG teaching artists in PPS middle- and high-school classrooms. These artists collaborate with PPS teachers in developing projects outside the teachers' expertise and/or resources.

The **Studio Seminars** program uses MCG's on-site studios and galleries to help high-school students explore the creative process while developing critical and analytical thinking skills. Students participate in a gallery/studio experience or a guided tour with a demonstration.

The **Art Explorers** program uses an arts-integrated curriculum to engage middle school students in problem-based learning. With Visiting Artist exhibitions as a departure point, students participate in hands-on learning experiences in one of MCG's four art studio.

The **Visiting Artist Series** program enables renowned contemporary artists to engage middle- and high-school students in discussions and hands-on demonstrations through workshops, residencies and school visits.

The **Learner Centered Arts Integration (LCAI) Initiative** — a collaborative program between MCG and PPS — implements and explores an inter-disciplinary, arts-integrated curriculum at the Helen S. Faison Arts Academy, a K–8 comprehensive school.

After School programs

The **Apprenticeship Training Program (ATP)** gives high-school students after-school opportunities including discipline specific and interdisciplinary art studies with a focus on community engagement and pursuit of higher education.

Summer programs

The **Summer Studio Intensives** engage students age 13–18 in intensive five-week courses throughout the summer. Courses meet daily in each of MCG's four studios.

MCG Jazz

Through concerts and recordings, MCG Jazz programs touch thousands of lives each year in Pittsburgh and across the world. These programs include—but are not limited to—four-day performance engagements featuring internationally renowned jazz musicians, Grammy®-winning live recordings, involvement in national jazz initiatives and touring programs, and collaborations with local schools and venues.

Activities

The **Presentation** series, one of the longest-running in the nation, presents over 40 concerts a year in the MCG music hall and numerous additional performances at other Pittsburgh venues.

The **Education** programs of MCG Jazz engages approximately 4,000 students a year through outreach, live performance, educational activities, and partnerships with Duquesne University, Pittsburgh Public Schools, and Winchester Thurston School.

MCG Jazz's **Recording** label has produced 30 CDs, garnering four Grammy® awards out of five nominations, and continues to produce recordings with nationwide distribution.

National Jazz Initiatives, established in part through the efforts of MCG Jazz, bring otherwise unavailable resources and programming to Pittsburgh and help to create a national brand—increasing visibility and market share—for jazz music.

The **Archives** contain over 20 years worth of photographic negatives and audio and video recordings, as well as a the definitive collection of the legendary saxophonist Stanley Turrentine's estate memorabilia.



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