

Come spend your summer at

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

in Washington, D.C.

Experience an unforgettable summer in the nation's capital! Our residential pre-college programs let you live and learn on campus, connect with students from across the country, and explore your passions – on stage, in the lab, or in the studio. Challenge yourself, discover new interests, and prepare for what's next in an inspiring, supportive environment. Make this summer the start of something big.

Experiences in Architecture

This workshop is for students interested in architecture or other design-related fields. Students are exposed to both the academic and professional sides of the architectural arena, with the city of Washington, D.C., as their classroom.

Date: July 6–17, 2026

The Summer Nursing Institute

Discover what it's like to be a nurse in this immersive one-week program! Explore the core principles of nursing practice and build hands-on skills in our state-of-the-art lab and simulation center, guided by experienced professionals. Gain confidence, learn life-saving techniques, and earn your CPR certification!

Date: Two Sessions! July 12–17, 2026 and July 19–24, 2026

High School Drama Institute

Train with theatre professionals in the nation's capital! The High School Drama Institute offers intensive summer training in the performing arts. Choose from musical theatre or drama, and study voice, movement, and acting, ending the three-week program with a showcase!

Date: July 12–31, 2026

Engineering New Frontiers Institute

This week-long, residential, academic summer course features modern laboratory exercises, engineering design workshops, coding boot camps, and prototyping work taught by expert faculty. The program also includes entertainment, cultural, and technical experiences in the Washington, D.C., area.

Date: July 19–24, 2026

The Design and Animation Summer Intensive

This immersive experience is thoughtfully designed to spark imagination, encourage experimentation, and foster artistic growth in a vibrant cultural setting. By the end of the program, young artists will walk away with new skills in design and an animated video to tuck into their portfolio.

Date: July 19–31, 2026

AMIA! Applied Mathematics in Action!

From game theory to cryptology, this program invites high school students to explore the exciting ways mathematics shapes the world around us. Through hands-on learning and visits to real-world sites where math is applied, students will discover how applied mathematics can lead to dynamic careers in STEM.

Date: August 2–7, 2026

The Cardinal Compass: An Accelerated College and Career Prep Course

This one-week summer program is perfect for rising high school seniors who want to explore career paths, discover their strengths, and build confidence for life after high school. Students will dive into interactive workshops that help them uncover their passions, sharpen their leadership skills, and design a roadmap for their future.

Date: August 3–7, 2026

Startup Venture Challenge

This 10-week virtual challenge is for students interested in entrepreneurship and business leadership. Participants are guided through identifying, developing, and launching a business, and are paired with a Catholic business mentor who supports their new venture through live weekly meetings.

Date: Coming soon



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