



## Resources for Nevada State GEAR UP Ambassadors & SPIFs

# Summer Programs for Students

All Nevada public postsecondary institutions typically offer summer bridge programs for the high school to first-year college transition. Visit specific college and university websites for information on these programs. The following is a brief overview of middle school summer programs at Nevada's research universities.

University of Nevada, Reno

### Engineering Summer Camps

Engineering Summer Camps provides young students with a glimpse into their possible future as engineering students in Nevada. Expect to participate in hands-on activities, such as building and testing bridges, blasting bottle rockets, designing a digital video game, learning about metallic materials, using labs, touring the UNR campus, field trips and more. Visit [www.unr.edu/engineering/research-and-outreach/k-12-outreach/engineering-summer-camps](http://www.unr.edu/engineering/research-and-outreach/k-12-outreach/engineering-summer-camps) for more information.

### 4-H Youth Development

4-H participants are all youth, ages 5 to 19, taking part in programs provided by Cooperative Extension personnel in cooperation with volunteers. 4-H is characterized as being community centered, research based and responsive to change. It offers youth opportunities in communications, leadership, career development, citizenship, healthy living, science, technology, engineering and math and more. Visit [www.unce.unr.edu/4H](http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H) for more information.

### Extended Studies: KIDS University

Each summer, Extended Studies presents KIDS University, a fun and educational day camp open to children entering grades 2-8, offered in seven week-long sessions. Sessions are held on the UNR campus, and some include field trips. KIDS U features programs and activities to energize kids' minds and bodies. Visit <http://www.kidsu.unr.edu/> for more information.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

### Summer Reading Programs

Eight different reading skills programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. Programs have been sponsored as a community service by UNLV Continuing Education, since 1990. Visit [www.continuingeducation.unlv.edu/catalog/reading](http://www.continuingeducation.unlv.edu/catalog/reading) for more information. Visit [www.unlv.readingprograms.org/level/5](http://www.unlv.readingprograms.org/level/5) for more information on middle school programs.

### Southern Nevada Writing Project: Summer Youth Reading Camps

The Summer Youth Writing Camps are for students who love writing and are eager to try their hand at new types of writing. A passion or interest in writing is the main requirement! The emphasis is on creating life-long writers who feel confident and comfortable with all the steps of the writing process. Instructors are selected because of their expertise and passion for teaching writing. Visit <http://snwp.education.unlv.edu/summeryouthcamp> for more information.

### SAGE Academy

SAGE seminars are 3-week summer courses on the main UNLV campus. Students read recent scholarly literature, engage in spirited discussions and practice valuable study habits, all mentored by select UNLV faculty. Students receive 3 fully-transferable UNLV course credits. Visit [www.centerforbrightkids.org/about/index.html](http://www.centerforbrightkids.org/about/index.html) for more information. Visit [www.edoutreach.unlv.edu/sage](http://www.edoutreach.unlv.edu/sage) for information about SAGE Academy.

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# Why Summer Bridge Programs Matter

Summer Bridge Programs target K-12 students, recent high school graduates, or community college transfer students. Summer Bridge Programs aim to:

- ✓ Bridge students' academic deficiencies and build academic strengths through early and accelerated courses to prepare them for the academic rigors of college and improve college retention and persistence;
- ✓ Cultivate students' academic aspirations through early development of their academic goals and exposure to career opportunities and mentoring; and
- ✓ Integrate students to the college culture by immersing them in the college experience and familiarizing them with campus student services such as tutoring, student organizations, and career exploration.

## Resources and Readings

### REPORTS

*Ninth Grade Counts: Using Summer Bridge Programs to Strengthen the High School Transition*  
[www2.ed.gov/programs/slcp/ninthgradecounts/ninthgradecountssummerbridgeguide.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/slcp/ninthgradecounts/ninthgradecountssummerbridgeguide.pdf)

*Getting Ready for College: An Implementation and Early Impacts Study of Eight Texas Developmental Summer Bridge Programs*  
[www.postsecondaryresearch.org/index.html?Id=News&Info=New+Publication+on+Developmental+Summer+Bridge+Programs](http://www.postsecondaryresearch.org/index.html?Id=News&Info=New+Publication+on+Developmental+Summer+Bridge+Programs)

Webinar slides:

[http://postsecondaryresearch.org/i/a/document/22292\\_NCPR\\_DSB\\_Webinar\\_Slides\\_Final.pdf](http://postsecondaryresearch.org/i/a/document/22292_NCPR_DSB_Webinar_Slides_Final.pdf)

*Effective and Promising Summer Learning Programs and Approaches for Economically-Disadvantaged Children and Youth: A White Paper for the Wallace Foundation*  
<http://theyouthalliance.org/sites/default/files/Effective-and-Promising-Summer-Learning-Programs.pdf>

### ARTICLES

*College Graduation Rates for Minority Students in a Selective Technical University: Will Participation in a Summer Bridge Program Contribute to Success?*  
<http://epa.sagepub.com/content/32/1/70.full.pdf>

*Measuring Success in Summer Bridge Programs: Retention Efforts and Basic Writing*  
<http://eric.ed.gov/PDFS/EJ877254.pdf>

### LINK

*Pathways to College: Nevada Specific Information*  
[www.pathwaystocollege.net/statelibraries/StatePage.aspx?cat=NV](http://www.pathwaystocollege.net/statelibraries/StatePage.aspx?cat=NV)