

GED Program at Employment Skills Center

What is the GED?

GED® stands for “General Educational Development” tests. The GED® is a group of subject tests that covers the core academic areas of a high school curriculum. The test was first developed in 1942 to allow returning WWII veterans to complete their high school studies and move on to higher education or the workforce. The GED® eventually became available to the general population. Today, the GED® test represents a second chance for adults who did not finish high school. It is the only nationally recognized high school equivalency credential.

Why do I need a GED?

Employment: In today’s highly competitive workforce, a high school diploma or GED® is required to be considered for many jobs, even entry level jobs.

Earning power: The GED® testing service estimates that an adult with a high school credential earns, on average, \$568,000 more over the course of a lifetime than an adult without a credential.

Higher education: Many careers require some post-secondary education. To be eligible to apply for federal financial aid at an institution of higher learning, an individual must hold a high school diploma or GED®.

Curriculum

Our GED® class prepares adults without a high school diploma to take the 2014 GED® tests. We provide lessons in Language Arts (Reading and Writing), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Instruction is tailored to meet individual student needs. We have helped hundreds of students pass their GED® tests and move on to better jobs and higher education.

The 2014 GED® test has four parts:

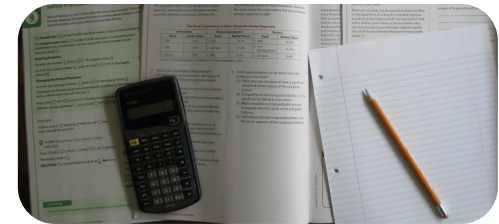
- Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) —150 minutes
- Mathematical Reasoning —115 minutes
- Science —90 minutes
- Social Studies —90 minutes

The new 2014 GED® test is administered on computer only. We provide computer practice as part of our GED curriculum to ensure all students are comfortable with the new computer based test format.



Class schedule

Our class meets at the Employment Skills Center on Tuesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am, and Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Individual and small group tutoring is available.



How to enroll

Stop in at the Employment Skills Center and fill out an application. You will be asked to take assessments in Reading and Mathematics. These assessments are not GED® tests or GED® practice tests—they are tools used to help us evaluate your current reading and math skills so we can better assist you in reaching your academic goals. You will then meet with our GED® program manager for an intake appointment. During this appointment, you can discuss your goals and ask any questions you have about the GED® program. Together, we will develop an individual learning plan so you can get started on the path to earning your GED®!

Off-site classes with our community partners

If daytime classes do not fit with your schedule, you may be interested in our evening programs held at two locations in the community.

We partner with Carlisle Area School District to offer Fall and Spring sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Carlisle High School. Check the CASD website for updated information on enrollment and scheduling: <http://www.carliseschools.org/departments.cfm?subpage=350366>

We also partner with New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg to offer sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please contact the Employment Skills Center at 717-243-6040 for more information. Information about New Hope's services can also be found at their website: <http://www.nhm-pa.org/>

Our Mission

Empowering people through education and training to achieve job betterment and personal growth

The Employment Skills Center is a non-profit agency that has provided adult education and training to the greater Carlisle area for over 47 years. We believe that education is the key to better job opportunities, family-sustaining wages, and more meaningful involvement in the community. We offer classes in Adult Literacy, GED® Preparation, Nurse Aide pre-clinical training, English as a Second Language (ESL), Computer Skills, and Work Readiness training. As the leader in adult education in Cumberland County, we continually strive to provide innovative programs that empower our students to become valuable employees and self-sufficient members of our community.

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