

GED - Basic Skills Brush-Up

The Adult Literacy Program provides free instruction to adults (ages 16 or older) who want to improve their basic skill levels in order to advance at work or brush up for college. We can help you improve your reading, writing and math skills, or help you become computer literate. We can also assist as you transition into college. Listed below are the current class sites.

Class Locations and Schedule:

Sheldon	Basic skill review, GED preparation, computer literacy, transition support for entry into college.	Mon.-Thurs. 8 am-7 pm Friday 8 am- 6 pm	Learning Center	Northwest Iowa Community College 603 West Park Street
		Tuesday 6-8 pm NCC Library	Specific one-on-one instruction	
Spanish GED	Spanish and English GED preparation.	Contact Carolyn Yoder to enroll in the Spanish GED program 712-707-3890		As arranged

Getting Your GED

The General Educational Development (GED) Tests enable individuals who have not completed high school to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma from the State of Iowa. This certifies that an individual has achieved a level of educational development comparable to that of a high school graduate. The GED Certificate will provide access to better jobs, and entrance to college and training programs. In order to obtain the diploma, an individual must successfully complete testing in the following subject areas: Language Arts Reading, Language Arts Writing, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics. The GED Tests are offered in English, Spanish and French; and are available in alternate formats for individuals with documented disabilities.

Individuals are eligible to begin testing if they meet the following criteria:

- 17 years old or older
- not currently enrolled in high school
- not a high school graduate

Enrollment—The first step is to set up an appointment with the Adult Literacy Office at Northwest Iowa Community College. As part of the enrollment process, you will work out an education plan which will identify the skills you will need for success in college or the workplace.

Preparation—Most people need to improve their skills before attempting the GED Tests. Based on assessment results, you may be referred to an instructor for assistance. Don't be surprised if it takes at least 8 hours to prepare in each subject area. Assistance is available in the classes listed above and online through GEDi.

NEW Online GED Prep - GEDi

NCC now offers free online GED preparation courses through an individualized program called GED-i. One of our own GED instructors will help you review while in the comfort of your own home. You may be a good candidate for this option if you:

- Have reliable access to a computer with high speed internet connection, preferably at home.
- Have basic computer skills such as keyboarding, using email and navigating the internet.
- Have the ability to work independently and be willing to spend 5-7 hours per week studying online.
- Meet recommended levels on reading and math assessments

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