

# PREPARE FOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

## ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) AND GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED)

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 Building 2, Room 210  
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Southeast Campus  
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### DESCRIPTION

A non-credit program for self-improvement designed to expand basic skills for students whose abilities range from under prepared to pre-college level. Development of reading, writing and math skills are emphasized, as well as life skills, employability, and technology. Students without a high school diploma also have the opportunity to prepare for the GED exams in four subject areas: social studies, science, reading and math.

ABE classes are open to anyone 18 or over who wants to improve basic reading, writing and math skills at the pre-college level. Students who are 16 or 17 must first obtain an official release from high school before attending class. To enroll, individuals must attend a two-part Orientation and Placement session. The sessions for both day and evening classes are conducted on a regular basis each term. Students needing special assistance such as an interpreter, a reader or a writer to participate in the orientation program should contact the Disabilities Services (971-722-4341) at least two weeks before the session is held.

### COURSE OF STUDY

Upon entering an ABE class, students' reading, writing and math abilities are assessed and individual programs of study are developed to guide them toward their personal academic goals. Large group, small group and individualized instruction are used to maximize academic gains. To help with their studies, students may need to purchase books. Day and evening classes are offered at all campuses and at many other locations in the community.

### Courses

ABE 0741	Adult Basic Education	0
ABE 0744	Adult Basic Education: Secondary (includes preparation for the GED test)	0
ABE 0782	Fundamentals of Mathematics	0
ABE 0787	Foundations of Math II	0
ABE 0790	Intermediate Integrated Reading and Writing	0
ABE 0791	Advanced Integrated Reading and Writing	0

### THE GED STATE EXAMINATION

The GED State Exam battery includes four tests:

1. Social studies: Content includes history, economics, political science, geography and behavioral science. Reading skills assessed include comprehension, application, analysis and

evaluation. The test includes an extended-response written question.

2. Science: Gauges knowledge on life science, biology and physical sciences, earth science, physics and chemistry. This test covers reading skills components including comprehension, application, analysis and evaluation. The test includes an extended-response written question.
3. Reading: Consists of non-fiction and fiction passages. Reading skills assessed include comprehension, application and analysis. The test includes an extended-response written question.
4. Mathematics: Incorporates arithmetic (measurement, number relationships and data analysis), algebra and geometry. Skills that are tested are problem-solving abilities and higher level thinking skills.