

# PREPARE FOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

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## ADULT EDUCATION (ABE)

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<sup>®</sup> exams in four subject areas: social studies, science, reading/writing 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 an 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 Accessible Education & Disability Resources (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 they are guided toward their personal academic goals. Large group, small group and individualized instruction are used to maximize academic gains. Day and evening classes are offered at all campuses and at some other locations in the community. There are also two online classes.

## Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ABE 0782	Foundations of Math 1	0
ABE 0787	Foundations of Math 2 (also offered in Spanish)	0
ABE 0790	Intermediate Integrated Reading and Writing	0
ABE 0791	Advanced Integrated Reading and Writing (also offered in Spanish)	0
ABE 0792	Social Studies for GED and College Prep	0
ABE 0793	Science for GED and College Prep	0

## THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED<sup>®</sup>)

### STATE EXAMINATION

The GED<sup>®</sup> State Exam battery includes four tests:

1. Mathematical Reasoning: Incorporates arithmetic (measurement, number relationships and data analysis), algebra and geometry. Skills that are tested are problem-solving abilities and higher level thinking skills.
2. Reasoning Through Language Arts: Consists of mostly non-fiction and some fiction passages. Reading skills assessed include comprehension, application and analysis. The test includes an extended-response written question.
3. Science: Gauges knowledge on life science, physical science, and earth science. This test covers reading skills components including comprehension, application, analysis and evaluation.
4. Social Studies: Content includes civics and government, US history, economics, and geography and the world. Reading skills assessed include comprehension, application, analysis and evaluation.