

# Pre-College Studies

## Adult Basic Education Program (ABE)

Adult Basic Education provides education for adults 18 years old or older. Emphasis is placed on reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic. As students gain these skills, they expand their understanding of specific areas of occupational knowledge, consumer economics, health, government and law, and community resources.

Classes are held on campus and in the surrounding community. No registration fee is charged, and materials are provided by the college. The materials used are designed for adults, and the information gained has a practical application to everyday living. Upon completion of the Adult Basic Education Program, students are encouraged to enroll in GED completion classes.

For more information, call (704) 637-0760 or (704) 788-3197, ext. 835 or 324.

## High School Equivalency Program (GED)

The High School Equivalency Program (GED) provides an opportunity for adults who have not completed their high school education to prepare for the General Education Development (GED) Test. This test enables an adult to demonstrate his/her general education competencies and be awarded a North Carolina Equivalency Diploma. The GED diploma is generally recognized and accepted as equivalent to a traditional high school diploma. Instruction is provided, at no cost to the student, in social studies, science, literature, mathematics, and writing skills.

To receive the GED diploma, a total standard score of 2250 on the GED test battery is required, with no single score below a 410.

It takes approximately eight hours to complete the entire GED test battery. A one-time testing fee of \$7.50 is required.

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## English as a Second Language (ESL)

ESL classes are designed especially for adults whose native language is not English. Instruction is offered in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. Both open-entry/open-exit classes and more traditionally structured classes are provided on campus, in the community, and in workplace settings.

For more information, call (704) 637-0760, ext. 527 or 242 or (704) 788-3197, ext. 527 or 835.

## Compensatory Education (CED)

Compensatory Education is a community college program designed specifically for adults with mental retardation. The purpose of the program is to compensate adults with developmental disabilities for the lack of, or inadequate, education received earlier. The focus of the Compensatory Education Program is on helping the individual become as independent as possible through acquiring basic and life skills needed to function successfully in daily life.

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible to participate in the Compensatory Education Program, an individual must be 17 years old or older, and (a) diagnosed with mental retardation or (b) functioning on a level equivalent to mental retardation resulting from head injury or brain damage.

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