

ADULT BASIC SKILLS / COLLEGE and CAREER READINESS

The mission of the Adult Basic Skills/College and Career Readiness department is to provide a positive educational experience that enhances the lives and well-being of its students, assists with transitions to post-secondary education, and develops the skills and knowledge necessary to enter and thrive in today's workforce.

The department provides free educational opportunities for adults 18 years of age and older who were unable to complete their formal schooling. The programs address the needs of adults who do not have a high school diploma or who need to improve basic educational skills. Programs provide educational opportunities for adults to improve their reading, writing, mathematics, and communication skills through five major programs targeted to specific populations: Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (Adult High School and high school equivalency tests), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Compass Education (ABE-Compass). Classes are free and open to adults living or working in Anson or Union counties and the surrounding area.

Students who enroll in Adult Basic Skills classes work closely with the instructor in classroom settings and may choose a day or night class, either on or off campus. Students may also enroll in computer-based lab classes for additional help in reading, math, and English. Orientation and placement testing sessions are held weekly and are required for entry into any Basic Skills class. Enrollment is held throughout the semester by calling 704-272-5456 in Wadesboro or 704-290-5830 in Monroe.

Admission Requirements

- Adults 18 years of age or older who have not completed high school
- Orientation and placement testing

Class Locations

- Classes are provided at SPCC sites and throughout Anson and Union counties.
- Morning, afternoon, and evening classes are offered.
- Computer-assisted labs are available.

Fees

- Instruction is provided free of charge to all eligible participants.
- Books and study materials are furnished at no cost to the student.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

Adult Basic Education classes focus on basic skills in reading, writing, math, critical thinking, and communication for adults functioning below a high school level. Students who have already completed high school but test below the high school level may also enroll in ABE classes to improve their skills before entering college classes or for personal satisfaction.

ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION

Adult High School (AHS) allows students to earn high school credits needed to receive the Adult High School diploma. Students' high school transcripts are evaluated and credit is given for units previously earned. An individualized, competency-based program of study is designed for each student entering the AHS program. Once students have completed the required number of credit hours, they will receive an AHS diploma issued by South Piedmont Community College in cooperation with the Union County Public Schools.

SPCC offers classes to help adults prepare for tests that lead to a high school equivalency diploma and prepare for post-secondary learning. High school equivalency tests were revised in January 2014, and GED® Testing Service became part of Pearson Vue. Registration for final Pearson Vue GED® testing is required, along with a testing fee, prior to testing. Students may call 704-290-5230 for updates regarding high school equivalency testing options.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

English for Speakers of Other Languages classes are open to individuals 18 years of age and older who are learning to speak and read the English language. Conversation, reading, writing, and listening skills are included as part of this program. Multiple levels of ESOL instruction are available: beginning, intermediate, advanced, reading/writing, and speaking/listening.

Students may also prepare for United States citizenship through SPCC's ESOL civics classes. Instruction on U.S. history and government, completion of the N-400 application, and preparation for the USCIS oral interview are included in this program of study.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION - COMPASS EDUCATION

ABE/Compass Education is a program designed for adults with developmental disabilities. Academic-based classes focus on helping individuals become as independent and self-directed as possible by acquiring the basic skills and life skills needed to function successfully in daily living.

COLLEGE and CAREER TRANSITIONS (CCT)

College and Career Transitions is a comprehensive Adult Basic Education (ABE)/Adult Secondary Education (ASE) program for students interested in curriculum programs and careers in medical office administration. This program provides a more holistic approach to adult education, focusing on implementing and improving wrap-around support services, integrated instruction, and financial assistance for adult learners.

Students enrolled in this program receive assistance beginning with the admission process all the way through to completion. While enrolled in the program, students receive direct, contextualized classroom instruction in their chosen pathways, intensive math tutoring, lab support, College Placement Test preparation, college success strategies, and employability assistance. Additionally, students are able to co-enroll in entry-level curriculum courses in their chosen pathways while working toward a high school credential.

Instruction for these curriculum courses consists of a team-teaching approach in which one curriculum or content instructor is paired with a basic skills instructor in order to provide a richer and more supportive learning environment. The instructors plan curriculum together and teach together, embedding basic skills concepts in the curriculum classroom and vice versa.

Students may call 704-290-5263 for additional information.