

# 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; to assist with transitions to post-secondary education; and to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to enter and thrive in today's workforce.

Our classes provide educational opportunities for adults 18 years of age and older who were unable to complete their formal schooling, addressing the needs of adults who do not have a high school diploma or who need to improve basic educational skills. We provide educational opportunities for adults to improve their reading, writing, mathematics, and communication skills through specialized programs targeted to specific populations: Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, High School Equivalency Diploma, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Compass Education, and College and Career Transitions. Classes are free and open to adults living or working in Anson or Union counties and the surrounding area.

Orientation and placement testing sessions are held weekly and are required for entry into any of our Adult Basic Skills/College and Career Readiness classes. Enrollment is held at various start times during spring, summer, and fall semesters. To begin, call 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, or who are high school graduates who need to review reading, mathematics, and English skills prior to enrolling in continuing education or college-level classes
- Orientation and placement testing

## Class Locations

- Classes are provided at SPCC campuses and throughout Anson and Union counties.
- Morning, afternoon, and evening classes are offered.

## 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 HIGH SCHOOL**

In the Adult High School (AHS) program students take courses they did not complete in traditional high school to earn 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.

## **HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA**

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 are available at SPCC through either a computer-based Pearson Vue GED® test, or, a paper and pencil HiSET test. Students may call 704-290-5230 in Monroe, or 704-272-5456 in Wadesboro for information 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, read, and write the English language. Conversation, reading, writing, and listening skills are offered in skill-leveled classes.

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 academic skills and life skills needed to progress successfully in daily life.

## **COLLEGE and CAREER TRANSITIONS (CCT)**

College and Career Transitions is a comprehensive Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education program for students interested in taking college and/or continuing education/workforce development classes, while enrolled in Adult Basic Skills/College and Career Readiness class.

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. Call 704-290-5263 for additional information.