

ADULT BASIC SKILLS/ COLLEGE and CAREER READINESS

The mission of the Adult Basic Skills/College and Career Readiness program 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.

Classes provide educational opportunities for adults 18 years of age and older to improve reading, writing, mathematics, and communication skills through specialized programs targeted to specific populations. These programs include:

Adult Basic Education (including Compass Education)

Adult Secondary Education

- High School Equivalency
- Adult High School
- College and Career Transitions

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Classes are free and open to adults living or working in Anson or Union counties and the surrounding area.

For enrollment purposes, placement testing and orientation sessions are generally held every two weeks on our Lockhart-Taylor Campus (Anson County) and our Old Charlotte Highway Campus (Union County). These sessions are required for entry into any of our Adult Basic Skills/College and Career Readiness programs. Enrollment is available during the spring, summer, and fall semesters. To inquire about classes or enrollment, please call 704-272-5456 (Anson County) or 704-290-5230 (Union County).

Admission Requirements

- Adults must be 18 years of age to enroll.
- On-campus placement testing and orientation is required for all new and returning students.

Class Locations

- Morning, afternoon, and evening classes are offered at the Old Charlotte Highway campus in Monroe and at the Lockhart-Taylor campus in Wadesboro.
- Off-campus community classes are offered in both Anson and Union counties. Please call 704-272-5456 (Anson County) or 704-290-5230 (Union County) for specific locations.

Fees

- Instruction is provided free of charge to all eligible participants.
- Books and study materials are provided free of charge to all participants.
- Students interested in taking one of the High School Equivalency tests administered at SPCC will pay associated testing fees. Testing fees vary and are determined by GED® Testing Service (GED®) and by ETS® High School Equivalency Test (HiSET®). Testing fees are not required for enrollment in classes.
- Students in the Adult High School program will pay a \$10.00 diploma fee once all Adult High School credits have been completed.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

ABE classes provide basic reading, writing, mathematics, critical thinking, and communication instruction for adults functioning below a high school level. The ABE program assists adult learners with acquiring the skills necessary to complete a high school education, improve basic skills for college enrollment, and/or increase workplace communication and employability skills.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION - COMPASS EDUCATION

Compass Education is an ABE program for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities designed to provide the academic and soft skills necessary to transition to a higher level of education and/or employment. The focus of the program is to help learners reach their full potential as independent, self-directed adults. For further information, please call 704-290-5813.

ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION (ASE)

The ASE program serves adult learners functioning at or above a high school level. Classes focus on improving the reading, writing, mathematics, critical thinking, and communication skills necessary for high school completion, enrollment in college programs, and transition to the workforce. These fast-paced classes provide a supported learning environment that encourages high school completion and transition to college and/or the workforce.

ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ADULT HIGH SCHOOL (AHS)

Adult High School is an ASE program in which students complete the individual credits necessary to fulfill the North Carolina Future-Ready AHS diploma requirements. Students' high school transcripts are evaluated at program entry and credit is awarded for units previously earned. An individualized, competency-based program of study is designed for each student enrolled in the AHS program. Once students complete all required credits, an AHS diploma will be awarded by SPCC in cooperation with the local public school system. For further information regarding the AHS program, please call 704-290-5813.

ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION - HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (HSE)

High School Equivalency is an ASE program that offers reading, writing, mathematics, critical thinking, and communication instruction to prepare learners to successfully pass either of the following nationally recognized high school equivalency assessments:

- GED® - A computer-based test offered through our Pearson Vue testing labs on our Old Charlotte Highway Campus (Union County) and our L.L. Polk Campus (Anson County). For more information regarding the GED® test, please visit www.ged.com.
- HiSET® - A paper-based test offered through our departmental testing administrators on our Old Charlotte Highway Campus (Union County) and our L.L. Polk Campus (Anson County). For more information regarding the HiSET® test, please visit www.hiset.ets.org.

Upon completion of either HSE test, students will receive an HSE diploma issued from the state of North Carolina. For further information regarding HSE, please call 704-272-5456 (Anson County) or 704-290-5230 (Union County).

ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION - COLLEGE and CAREER TRANSITIONS (CCT)

College and Career Transitions is a comprehensive ASE program for students interested in enrolling in college and/or continuing education courses while working towards a high school equivalency or adult high school diploma. For further information, please call 704-290-5262.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (ELA)

The ESOL/ELA program provides academic opportunities for non-native English speakers who are learning to communicate in the English language. Leveled classes focus on improving conversation, reading, writing, and listening skills.

Students may also prepare for United States citizenship through our ESOL civics classes. Class content includes U.S. history and government, completing the N-400 application, and preparing for the USCIS oral interview. For further information regarding our ESOL/ELA program, please call 704-290-5248.

