

COLLEGE and CAREER READINESS

The school of College and Career Readiness strives to assist each learner with the skills necessary to enter and thrive in today's workforce and/or higher education opportunities. Departments include: Adult Basic Skills, Human Resource Development, and Correctional Education Programs.

ADULT BASIC SKILLS (ABS)

The mission of the Adult Basic Skills program is to provide meaningful and engaging academic opportunities for learners to progress in their academic and employability endeavors. Classes provide educational opportunities for adult learners to improve reading, writing, mathematics, and communication skills through specialized programs targeted to specific populations. These programs include:

High School Equivalency

Adult High School

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Compass Education

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 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 programs. Enrollment is available during the spring, summer, and fall semesters. To inquire about classes or enrollment, please call 704-290-5243.

Admission Requirements

- Students must be 16 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 our Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe and at our Lockhart-Taylor Campus in Wadesboro.
- Weekend course offerings and off-campus community classes are offered in both Anson and Union counties. Please call 704-290-5243 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.

Enrollment

To enroll in South Piedmont Community College's Adult Basic Skills program, potential students must be able to complete a National Reporting System (NRS) approved pre-assessment. To remain enrolled, students must demonstrate the ability to benefit from the program as outlined by state and federal regulations. For more information, please read our [Ability to Benefit Policy](#).

High School Equivalency (HSE)

The High School Equivalency program 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 SPCC's Testing Center 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 SPCC's Testing Center on our Old Charlotte Highway Campus (Union County) and our Lockhart-Taylor 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 704-290-5243.

Adult High School (AHS)

Adult High School is an Adult Basic Skills program in which students complete the individual credits necessary to fulfill the North Carolina Future-Ready Core 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 the student completes 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 704-290-5243.

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.

Compass Education

Compass Education is an Adult Basic Skills 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (HRD)

The Human Resources Development program is designed to educate and train students for success in the workplace. The primary objective of the training component is to help orient students to the world of work, appreciate the effects of their behavior on others, and develop the basic academic and communication skills prerequisite to obtaining and maintaining employment.

Class time is devoted to assessment of student assets and challenges; development of a positive self-concept; development of employability, communication, and problem-solving skills; and development of an awareness of the impact of information technology in the workplace. Students will study employer/

employee relations, communication skills, pre-employment and job search skills, as well as application and interview techniques.

Career counseling is provided throughout the HRD program. Student referrals are made to other programs or support services when necessary.

Admission and Fees

The NC State Board of Community Colleges grants permission to waive tuition for HRD classes for individuals who meet one of the four (4) criteria listed below:

- Unemployed
- Have received notification of a pending layoff
- Working and eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit
- Working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines

To receive this waiver, students must verify they meet the criteria by completing and signing a Tuition and Fee Waiver Verification Form. If students do not sign the form or do not meet one of the four (4) criteria, payment of the HRD registration fee is required. For additional information, please call 704-290-5216.

CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION

In partnership with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS), South Piedmont's Correctional Education Department provides on-site educational opportunities for students at area correctional institutions. The Department also provides regional training opportunities for NCDPS officers and staff, including probation & parole officers and Human Resource Training staff. For additional information, please call 704-272-5424.

