The Adult Education & Literacy program at NIACC provides high quality educational opportunities for anyone age 17 and older. Adult education develops life, work and literacy skills. These skills provide the opportunity for higher learning, better pay, job potential and a sense of accomplishment.

NIACC Adult Education & Literacy programs include:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- English Language Learners (ELL) – formerly ESL
- High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) – formerly GED®

Adult Education & Literacy helps eligible adults:

- Change their lives
- Learn to read and communicate
- Complete secondary school education
- Improve their reading, writing, math and problem-solving skills
- Get the basic skills needed to be productive employees, family members, and citizens

Adult Education & Literacy students:

- Are 17 years of age or older
- Need and want to improve their basic skills
- Desire to improve their English language skills
- Are taking the first step to being more successful
- Desire or need training to gain or keep meaningful employment

Are you ready to get started? Contact
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Visit the NIACC web site:
www.niacc.edu/learning-support/adult-literacy/
Attend an Adult Education & Literacy class to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED), which was formerly called GED® — or improve your English language skills. Here is what you need to know to get started:

• Class schedules, dates and times are listed on the NIACC web site: www.niacc.edu. Click on Student Life, then Learning Support.

• Class schedules vary from site to site. Each class and site follows a specific schedule.

• Students must be present the first day of class unless they have prior approval from the AEL coordinator, Sandra Leake.

• Learning may be a blend of classroom and on-line study.

• Assessments and tests are part of the program and help measure a student's progress and gain.

• Before being placed in a class, all students must attend an orientation session as part of a “kick start” process. Afterward, students may begin classes and move from one class to another.

• Students are expected to attend class between 70 and 100 hours.

• Students are expected to attain educational functioning level gains.

• After students achieve the required score on an official practice test in class, the final High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) tests are taken on the NIACC campus. The testing center is located in the Student Learning Center in the Beem Center building.

Class Fees: There are no fees for Adult Education and Literacy classes.

High School Equivalency Diploma fees: HSED tests are taken online and students must first register at http://hset.ets.org/test_takers/ and then schedule a test date and time online. Students must purchase the full battery of 5 tests for $50. Payment is made online with a valid debit or credit card. Vouchers are also available at the NIACC Bookzone for those who do not have a debit or credit card.

Diploma fee: A $10 diploma fee is required and payable when students take the HSED test.