

**Reaching higher.
Get a new start with Adult Education.**

Today, many jobs and postsecondary education programs require either a high school diploma or its equivalency.

Through Wallace State Adult Education, individuals may prepare for the GED, get career readiness training and computer instruction, WorkKeys certification and testing, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Classes are offered free of charge on the Wallace State campus, at affiliate sites and, increasingly, in the workplace.

What is Adult Education?

Adult Education is a nonprofit program to assist individuals who have discontinued public education enrollment or whose high school class has graduated and who do not have a high school diploma. Adults who need to learn the English language and individuals who need to develop basic job skills for employment purposes are also eligible.

Wallace State offers these Adult Education programs:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)
- Basic Career Readiness
- General Educational Development (GED)
- WorkKeys testing and preparation



English as a Second Language (ESL):

To serve the growing population of non-English speaking people in our area, Wallace State offers ESL classes on campus and at sites throughout our service area. The ESL program teaches English skills by using real life situations, like going to the doctor's office or filling out a job application. Churches, businesses and other organizations may sponsor classes on-site by making arrangements through the Wallace State Adult Education Department.



For More Information:

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It is the policy of the Alabama State Board of Education and Wallace State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or employment. Wallace State Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



The GED:

General Education Development (GED) Classes

GED classes prepare students to pass the five subject areas of the GED exam: Writing, Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics. Our course of study and materials are designed specifically to prepare you to pass the exam and earn your high school equivalency diploma. Classes are offered on campus and at affiliate sites.

GED Online

The same GED practice materials we use in the classroom are also offered online. Therefore, a busy schedule or travel will not hinder your progress. Online classes are available to those committed to study at home with necessary computer and internet capabilities

Free GED Practice Test

Free GED practice tests are available to determine your level of readiness for the test in each subject area. If you have recently withdrawn from school, you may want to take the GED practice test before scheduling the regular exam. The practice test will tell you if there are any areas that you need to work on before testing. We offer the practice text as a courtesy to students enrolled in our classes to gauge whether or not they are ready for the exam.



GED Exam

Wallace State offers GED testing on Wednesdays for a first-time fee of \$50. The GED exam is not offered through the Adult Education Program but is given through the Wallace State GED Testing Center. For more information about scheduling a GED exam, call 256-352-8394.

Each GED graduate is eligible to receive one college-credit course of up to three credit hours free of charge at Wallace State or any public two-year college in Alabama.

Employment Training: Basic Career Readiness Skills

Need to find work or improve your work situation? Pre-employment and on-the-job skills training is offered through Wallace State Adult Education's Work-Based Project Learner Initiative. Students in this program enhance their listening, speaking, and writing skills and learn how to understand charts, forms, documents, manuals, and math in the workplace.

WorkKeys Certification and Preparation

Many industry and business employers require a standard employability test called WorkKeys. This certification exam covers work skills mathematics, locating information, and reading for information. Free preparation classes and testing are offered through Wallace State Adult Education.

Employer Partnerships

A partnership with Wallace State allows employers to offer employees Adult Education classes that include not only basic education but also targeted skills that are specific to a particular workplace. Under state law, employers may be eligible to earn tax credits or receive federal, state and/or local funding for implementing workplace education programs.

General Information:

Quality of Instruction

The Wallace State Adult Education program uses up-to-date high quality and high-tech study materials. Labs are equipped with state-of-the-art computers and learning software to help students achieve their goals. Our teachers are experienced professionals who are dedicated to helping students succeed.

Free Materials

All of our classes and materials are free. The Adult Education Program is funded through federal and state Adult Education grants under the direction of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, Adult Education Program. Local donations and sponsorships are also encouraged.

Class Times and Locations

Adult Education classes are offered day and evening on campus at Wallace State and off campus at work sites, career centers and locations throughout Cullman, Blount, southeastern Morgan and Winston Counties.

Registration

You must be at least 17 years old and not enrolled in a K-12 program to register for Adult Education and GED classes. Students may enter the program throughout the year by attending orientation. Call 256-352-8078 or toll free 1-866-350-9722 x8078 to find an orientation center and classes near you.

