

Adult Education

The Adult Education Program provides opportunities for learners age sixteen and older, who are not enrolled in a secondary school. Each learner is assessed and placed in a personally-prescribed study program. Services include:

- Earning a high school diploma – Earn your high school diploma if you did not pass graduation exam(s) and/or earned at least ten credits in high school. Must be nineteen years of age to qualify and last high school attended must be an Alabama public high school.
- GED Preparation - Reading, writing, computing mathematically, social studies, science, literature, and the arts for learners to prepare them to earn the State of Alabama High School Equivalency Diploma.
- Accuplacer Preparation – Bypass remedial college courses
- College & Career Preparation - Designed to prepare adult learners to enter postsecondary education, higher education, training programs, and/or to improve their employability.
- Career Pathways – Assistance in identifying and supporting a learner’s career pathway. There are many paths to choose from.
- Workforce Credentialing - As part of the workforce credentialing initiative in Alabama, the Adult Education Program prepares and administers WorkKeys assessments resulting in the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).
- English as a Second Language (ESL) - Classes providing non-English speaking individuals with the language skills needed to succeed in other educational/training programs and to cope more effectively with the challenges of their daily lives. Learners are also given information on steps to becoming a U.S. citizen and how to advance their education.
- Digital Literacy – Basic digital literacy skills for living in today’s technologically sophisticated world.

Classes are free of charge on both the Shoals and the Phil Campbell campuses and at various off-campus sites throughout our five county service area. Day and evening classes are offered, and an on-line option is also available for busy adults whose work schedules or other responsibilities do not allow them to attend classes. For information on current class locations and times, or other questions, please call the Adult Education Office at 256.331.5440 or email at adulted@nwsc.edu.