

# Adult Education

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## Overview

The Adult Education program offers free instruction to those who are age 16 and older with academic and English language acquisition needs, and are not currently enrolled in K-12. The Adult Education program is located on the third floor of the Roy F. Christensen Building (Building #48) in Pocatello as well as ISU outreach sites in American Falls, and Blackfoot. The Adult Education program serves southeastern Idaho, which include Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power counties.

The Adult Education program provides free assessment and instruction in language arts, basic math, science, and social studies to assist individuals with their educational or employment goals. Services are offered to help support students who desire to work toward the completion of their GED® exam or high school equivalency. Instruction is also available to assist community members with Math and English skills in preparing to take college placement exams. The Adult Education program aligns with the State of Idaho required College and Career Readiness curriculum. Participants who complete their GED or have a high school diploma, are encouraged to consider transitioning to college through the College of Technology Successful Transition and Retention Track (START) program, which is a one-semester college preparation program that is offered at no cost. The Adult Education program offer various settings, methods and flexible schedules to help students learn in a way that meets their needs. Classes and independent study through books, audio and video materials, tutors, and computers are available. The Adult Education program sponsors a GED® commencement ceremony in June on the Idaho State University campus to recognize those individuals who have successfully completed their GED® exam.

## General Educational Development (GED®)

The General Educational Development (GED®) service assists people who have not earned a high school diploma. The Idaho State University Testing Center offers the GED® examinations. Individuals coordinate these examinations with the Testing Center. There is a cost for each section of the GED examination. Limited scholarships for these costs may be available through the Adult Education program. Interested participants should contact the Adult Education program to determine availability and eligibility criteria. This contact needs to occur before scheduling with the Testing Center.

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

An additional service of the Adult Education program is the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, which assists speakers of other languages in learning to speak, understand, read, and write English. ESL offers instruction in the English language that is needed for daily life in the United States and includes skills useful in education, employment, residency, and citizenship. The curriculum emphasizes formal grammar lessons and instruction in the social uses of language. ESL classes are offered in American Falls, Blackfoot, and Pocatello.

## Faculty