

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

Oregon Trail Building - (541) 881-5862

The Adult Education Department provides services and courses tailored to meet the needs of students who need to prepare for college-level coursework, adults who have not completed high school, community members interested in improving English language skills, and adults seeking to improve employability. The Adult Education Department consists of College Preparation, General Education Development (GED; in English), English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL).

CLASS SITES

All Adult Education programs are offered on the Ontario campus. College Prep is also offered at the Caldwell Center, as well as adult basic skills development, GED and ESL. Contact the Adult Basic Skills Department (ABSD) at (541) 881-5862.

ADULT BASIC SKILLS/GED PREP

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This program provides classes for adults with a variety of goals. Students may wish to improve reading, improve employment opportunities, learn basic computer skills, prepare for entrance into academic and/or professional technical programs, or pursue personal growth by upgrading their basic skills.

Adults who have not received a high school diploma may enroll in the General Education Development (GED) program. This program is designed to prepare students to pass the GED test, which is composed of four subject areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students must be at least 16 years of age to enroll in the program, and students under the age of 18 need special permission from their parents and/or educational facilities.

Students working on their GED on the Ontario campus are assigned to cohorts or other class schedules based on needs and skill levels.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

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This program assists adults whose primary spoken language is not English to acquire skills in reading, writing, and speaking English. In order to meet the work and family schedules of ESOL students, classes are offered in the evenings. Classes are offered for beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Students typically attend four, two-hours classes per week (Monday-Thursday) during TVCC's fall, winter, and/or spring quarters, though this schedule may vary slightly.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM (HEP)*

****As of the date of publishing of the 2025-2026 TVCC Catalog, the TVCC HEP Program is temporarily suspended until federal funding resumes. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will add an addendum to the catalog if federal funding for the program resumes at any point during the 2025-2026 academic year.****

The TVCC High School Equivalency Program (HEP), located on the Ontario campus, is designed to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers and/or immediate family members in obtaining the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED) each year. Program elements include instruction in Spanish and English, academic advising, tutoring, technology, and computer training, cultural enrichment activities and academic excursions.

Benefits to students include an extended evening class schedule, classrooms and computer labs with adequate supplies, instructional and testing materials, subsidized medical care, transportation stipends and childcare scholarships.

If you are interested and want more information about the HEP program, please call the number above, and/or visit: <https://www.tvcc.cc/hep/index.cfm>