

Dear Area Residents, Literacy Providers, Community Agencies/Organizations and Supporters of Literacy, the D.C. Public Library Adult Learning Department developed this Program Directory to help you find area adult literacy programs and services. The programs offer classes or tutoring to help you improve your skills. We encourage you to use and share this directory. Some frequently asked questions and answers about the Adult Learning Department are listed below.

Where is the Adult Learning Department?

The Adult Learning Department is located in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW, Second Floor, Room 205M

What is the role of the Adult Learning Department?

The Adult Learning Department believes that literacy is a right, not a privilege, and encourages potential adult learners to study by providing high quality adult-oriented materials, guidance in selecting appropriate materials, access to computers, and knowledgeable information and referral. To foster professional development, it provides tutors and teachers with

(1) a wide array of materials (2) training opportunities and (3) up-to-date professional information and research in the field of adult learning. By providing "tours" for adult learners enrolled in local literacy programs, the center helps to demystify the library. The Adult Learning Department serves the entire D.C. Public Library system and strives to maintain, and expand, the Library's services to adult and family literacy practitioners and students in the District.

If you find a program that you would like to attend, call for more information about signing up. Also ask for details We hope that you find this directory helpful. Please feel free to call the Literacy Helpline at (202) 727-2431, if you need additional information.

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District of Columbia Adult Education Directory Adult Basic Education (ABE), High School Diploma, NEDP, and GED Programs

This is a list of programs in the
District of Columbia that offer
classes or tutoring to help you
improve your skills, and/or study
for a high school diploma or the
GED® Test. For more information
about classes and entry
requirements, call the specific
program that you plan to attend.
The abbreviations are used in
this list.

ABE: Adult Basic Education **ESL:** English as a Second Language

Reading: 1-to-1 Reading Tutoring Program

GED®: General Educational Development/High School quivalency Credential

NEDP: National External Diploma Program

Unless otherwise specified, the programs listed below require DC residency and accept students of eighteen years and older.

Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Academy of Hope Public Charter School 2315 18 th Place, NE (near New York Ave.) 20018 421 Alabama Avenue, SE 20032 www.aohdc.org	Hours: NE: day and evening SE: day Services: ABE, GED®, NEDP, computer, college readiness, student needs proof of DC residency Enrollment: go to aohdc.org for registration information or call Cost: free	NE: (202) 269-6623 SE: (202) 373-0246
Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School Central Office and Harvard Street Campus 1100 Harvard Street, NW 20009 Sonia Gutierrez Campus 514 V Street, NE, 20002 (near 4th and Rhode Island Avenue, NE) www.carlosrosario.org	Hours: GED® in Spanish: Harvard Street GED® in English: V Street, NE M – F, 8:45 – 11:30 a.m.; 1:00 – 3:45 p.m.; M – Th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Services: GED in English (for English Language Learners), GED in Spanish, ESL all levels, citizenship, family literacy, computer literacy, various job training Enrollment: 5-month fall and spring semester sessions; application events in August and January (call for dates) Cost: free	NW: (202) 797-4700 NE: (202) 734-4900



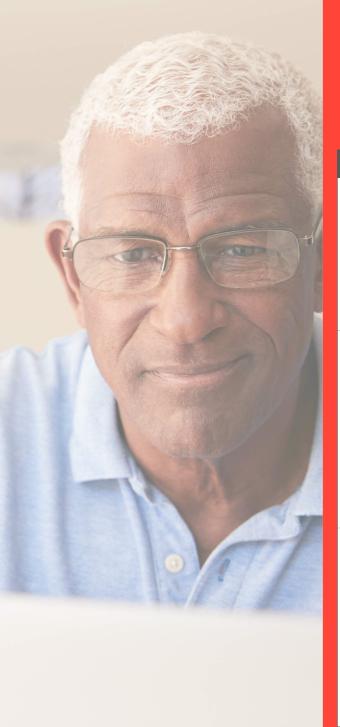
Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Central Union Mission 65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW 20001 www.missiondc.org	Hours: M, W, Th, 4 p.m -5 p.m.; T, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Services: ABE, GED® Enrollment: open Cost: free	(202) 745-7118
Community College Preparatory Academy PCS 2405 Martin L. King, Jr., Avenue, SE, 20020 www.ccprep-academy.org	Hours: M-Th, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; F, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Services: GED®, job readiness, math and reading improvement; register at www.ccprep- academy.org Enrollment: Call for dates Cost: free	(202) 610-5780
Covenant House 2001 Mississippi Avenue, SE 20020 www.covenanthouse.org (Youth, ages 18-24; DC residency not required)	Hours: M – F, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1p.m. to 3p.m. Services: ABE, GED®, life skills, job readiness Enrollment: call for dates Cost: free	(202) 610-9600
Four Walls Career and Technical Education 1125 Neal Street, NE 20002 (near Florida and West Virginia Avenues) Provide ID for proof of DC residency www.fourwallsctec.org	Hours: M-Th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (day) 5:00 to 8:00 pm (evening) Services: ABE, NEDP, various job training, computers Enrollment: open enrollment, call to register Cost: free	Day: (202) 332-8022 Evening: (202) 232-6090 ext. 430



Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Goodwill Excel Center Adult Public Charter School 1776 G Street, NW 20006 (enter on 18th Street) www.dcgoodwill.org/ excel-center	Hours: Call for information Services: Awards a high school diploma, not a GED®. Provides transportation assistance, and a child development center Enrollment: Application is online at https://www.goodwillexcelcenter. org/admissions-application/; flexible class schedules Cost: free	(202) 715-2616
Kennedy Institute – A Program of Catholic Charities 801 Buchanan Street NE 20017 (The day program is for DC residents only. The evening program is open to all.)	Hours: T-Th, 10 – 2 p.m. Services: ABE, serving adults with developmental disabilities Enrollment: call for dates Cost: free	(202) 529-7600 ext. 703 or (202) 281-2700
LAYC Career Academy Public Charter School 3047 15th Street, NW 20009 http://laycca.org (Youth, 16-24; provide proof of DC residency)	Hours: M-F, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Services: GED®, job training Enrollment: Call for information; 3-month sessions Cost: free	(202) 319-2228
LVA-NCA (Literacy Volunteers and Advocates) 635 Edgewood Street, NE Suite B 20017 http://lvanca.org	Hours: day & evening Services: Individual reading tutors (student & tutor arrange time & location) and Basic Reading, Writing and Math Classes Enrollment: ongoing Cost: free	(202) 387-1772



Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Maya Angelou Young Adult Learning Center 5600 East Capitol Street, NE 20019 (former Evans Junior High) www.seeforever.org (Youth, 17+)	Hours: M-F, day Services: GED®, ABE, Job Training Enrollment: call for information Cost: free	(202) 289-8898
Next Step Public Charter School 3047 15th Street, NW 20009 (at Irving Street) www.layc-dc.org www.nextsteppcs.org (Youth, 16-30) Provide proof of age and residence	Hours: Day: M – Th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; F, 9 p.m. – 5 p.m. Evening: M-Th, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Services: GED®, GED® in Spanish, ESL Enrollment: every 3 months starting in September; call for dates Cost: free	(202) 487-0014 or (202) 899-6199 evening only
Samaritan Ministry 1516 Hamilton Street, NW www.samaritanministry.org	Hours: M, W, F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services: Pre-GED® Enrollment: call for enrollment dates, eight week courses Cost: free	(202) 722-2280 Ext. 302
Southeast Ministry 3111 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE 20032 http://southeastministrydc. org	Hours: M – Th, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; 1 – 4 p.m. Services: GED® (5 sessions a year); job readiness Enrollment: call for dates; 8 wk sessions Cost: free	(202) 562-2636 Ext. 102



Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Washington Literacy Center 1133 15th Street, NW 20005 (between S and T) www. washingtonliteracycenter.org Provide proof of DC residency.	Hours: Call for information Services: Reading and Math Literacy Enrollment: Call for information Cost: free	(202) 387-9029
YouthBuild Public Charter School 3014 14th Street, NW 20009 (near Irving Street) www.youthbuildpcs.org (Youth, 16-24; must be drug-free) Provide ID for proof of DC residency.	Hours: M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Services: GED® Enrollment: classes start in August; call for application deadlines; 9-month sessions Cost: free; stipend given	(202) 518-0601 or (202) 319-0141
YWCA 2303 14th Street NW Suite #100 20009 (corner of Belmont St.) (Serves women and men) Provide ID for proof of DC residency http://www.ywcanca.org	Hours: M – Th, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; 6:15 p.m. – 8 p.m. Services: ABE, Pre-GED®, GED®, Computer Literacy; workforce development Enrollment: Call for dates. Visit website to register. Cost: free	(202) 626-0700 Ext. 729

These are programs that offer the National External Diploma Program and schools that help learners complete their High School Diploma. The NEDP programs accept those who are 25 years old and older unless otherwise noted and they also require job experience. Learners should have high reading and math skills in order to enter. Schools that offer the opportunity to complete a High School Diploma typically require that learners present their transcript from the last high school they attended. The National External Diploma Program is now all online at the program site.

D.C. Public Schools High School Diploma and National External Diploma Programs (NEDP)

Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Academy of Hope Public Charter School 2315 18 th Place, N.E. (near Montana) 20018 Proof of DC residency required	Hours: daytime Services: NEDP Enrollment: Go to aohdc.org for registration Information. Cost: free	(202) 269-6623
Ballou STAY Senior High School H.S. Diploma External Diploma Program (NEDP) 3401 4th Street, SE 20032 (NEDP: min. age 23; H.S. Diploma: 17-22) www.k12.dc.us/dcps/home. html	Hours: M-F NEDP: 10:30am – 7:30 p.m. H.S. Diploma 9:15 a.m 2 p.m. Services: NEDP, H.S. Diploma Enrollment: call for dates to begin. Cost: NEDP, \$125 H.S. Diploma: free for DC residents	(202) 645-3390
Briya Public Charter School Bancroft Elementary School 1755 Newton Street, NW 20010 (Participants must be English Language Learners and have children ages 0-12) Hours: M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30	Hours: M-F, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 3: p.m. Services: NEDP, ESL six levels and Family Literacy Enrollment: ongoing; call for registration information Cost: free	(202) 232-7777 Email: register@briya. org



Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Four Walls Career and Technical Education 1125 Neal Street, NE Min. age: 25 www.fourwallsctec.org	Hours: M & T,10 a.m 3 p.m. Services: NEDP, various job training, computers Enrollment: ongoing Cost: \$100.00	(202) 332-8022
Living Wages of Washington 4235 4th Street, SE 20032 http://www.livingwages.org (min. age: 25) Provide proof of DC Residency	Hours: M – F, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sat, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 4 th Street Services: NEDP, limited tutoring Enrollment: ongoing; call for next orientation. Cost: \$130 course fee (you can pay in increments)	(202) 574-3962 (4 th Street)
Roosevelt STAY Senior High School Diploma Program for Adults and National External Diploma Program 4301 13 th Street NW 20011 (H.S. Diploma for 16-24; min. age for NEDP: 25)	Hours: High School Diploma: M – Th, 8:30 a.m to 4:10 p.m. NEDP: M - Th., 3:45 – 6 pm Services: High School Diploma, NEDP Enrollment: call to register and for more information Cost: free	(202) 576-8399
Southern Baptist Church NEDP Program 134 L Street, NW 20001 (min. age: 25) www.southernbaptistpwc. com	Hours: T, 5 – 7 p.m. Services: NEDP Enrollment: ongoing Cost: \$200	(202) 842-1954



Special Literacy Initiatives

Program Name and Location	Classes	Phone #
Potomac Job Corps Enrollment/Registration: 1443 Maryland Avenue, NE 20002 For DC residents. Other locations: Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky http://jobcorps.gov (Youth, 16-24)	Hours: This is a residential program. Services: HS Diploma, GED® if needed; Enrollment: ongoing registration Cost: free; a biweekly stipend and a bonus upon program graduation.	(202) 399-8590 Ext. 306 or (202) 373-0518

ABE and GED Materials

The Adult Learning Department (ALD) is located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW, on the Second Floor. There are materials for reading improvement, basic academic skill development, GED® preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL). Call (202) 727-1616 for information on the services and times for the ALRC's Adult Learning Lab where a GED® tester can receive tutoring.

GED (Practice) Test Site

The GED® Practice Test is now required in the District and it is called the GED® Ready. The GED® Ready is a practice test that can be taken at the website **ged.com** for a cost of \$6.00 per each of the 4 subjects (total of \$24.00); payable with a credit or debit card. Tests may be taken one subject at a time and the tester will receive their scores that day.

To take a free GED® practice test online, go to http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest.

This gives you an idea of what kind of questions will be on the official test.

To register and pay for the Official GED®, which is 7-1/2 hours and costs \$15.00 (pay with credit or debit card; no cash) go to www.ged.com. Sign-up with an email address. Though you can pay online, complete the process at the GED® Program Office. All GED® Tests are given on a computer in the GED® Program Office, 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 370-North.

Each subject test costs \$3.75. The first two re-takes are free of charge. If you would like one-on-one tutoring in a subject, take a GED® Assessment Test at the ALRC and from the results, we'll discuss whether you will benefit from additional studying with a tutor. Call (202) 727-1616.

Services for Those with Special Needs or Learning Disabilities

Department on Disability Services **dds.dc.gov** Evaluation Unit, 250 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20024; phone: (202) 730-1700

RSA helps differently-abled persons (including learning disabled) with employment and independent living in the home and community and provides vocational preparation services for entrance into the job market.

Other Resources

GED® Program Office (Testing Center) (Judiciary Square Metro stop, Red Line) 441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 370 N, Washington, DC 20001; phone, (202) 274-7173 You need a current photo ID to enter the building and to **register** for the test. Office is open from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Extended testing times: second Wednesdays. 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and second Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Note: Youth ages 16 and 17 interested in the GED® Test must meet specific requirements and for details, call (202) 274-7173.





For more information, call: **Literacy Helpline** (202) 727-2431

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