

PREPARE FOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) AND GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED)

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www.pcc.edu/prepare/basic/

DESCRIPTION

A non-credit program for self-improvement designed to expand basic skills for students whose abilities range from underprepared to pre-college level. Development of reading, writing and math skills are emphasized, as well as life skills, employability, and technology. Students without a high school diploma also have the opportunity to prepare for the GED exams in five subject areas: writing, social studies, science, literature and math.

ABE classes are open to anyone 18 or over who wants to improve basic reading, writing and math skills at the pre-college level. Students who are 16 or 17 must first obtain an official release from high school before attending class. To enroll, individuals must attend a two-part Orientation and Placement session. The sessions for both day and evening classes are conducted on a regular basis each term. Students needing special assistance such as an interpreter, a reader or a writer to participate in the orientation program should contact the Disabilities Services (971-722-4341) at least two weeks before the session is held.

COURSE OF STUDY

Upon entering an ABE class, students' reading, writing and math abilities are assessed and individual programs of study are developed to guide them toward their personal academic goals. Large group, small group and individualized instruction are used to maximize academic gains. To help with their studies, students may need to purchase books. Day and evening classes are offered at all campuses and at many other locations in the community.

COURSES

ABE 0741	ABE: Beginning Literacy
ABE 0744	ABE: Secondary, includes preparation for the GED test.
ABE 0782	Fundamentals of Math
ABE 0783	Fundamentals of Reading
ABE 0784	Fundamentals of Writing

THE GED STATE EXAMINATION

THE GED STATE EXAM BATTERY INCLUDES FIVE TESTS:

1. Writing skills: This test is divided into two sections. Part I measures sentence structure, usage and mechanics. Part II requires students to write an essay on a topic that adults would be expected to have general knowledge.
2. Social studies: Content includes history, economics, political science, geography and behavioral science. Reading skills assessed include comprehension, application, analysis and evaluation.
3. Science: Gauges knowledge on life science, biology and physical sciences, earth science, physics and chemistry. This test covers reading skills components including comprehension, application, analysis and evaluation.
4. Interpreting Literature and the Arts: Consists of popular literature, classical literature and commentary about literature and the arts. Reading skills assessed include comprehension, application and analysis.
5. Mathematics: Incorporates arithmetic (measurement, number relationships and data analysis), algebra and geometry. Skills that are tested are problem-solving abilities and higher level thinking skills.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

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Terrell Hall (TH), Room 220
971-722-5251

Southeast Center
Mt. Scott Hall (MSH), Room 103
971-722-6146

Rock Creek Campus
Building 2, Room 212
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Sylvania Campus
Social Science Building (SS), Room 215
971-722-4192

www.pcc.edu/prepare/developmental/

DESCRIPTION

Programs in developmental education help students prepare for PCC academic and career technical programs and their chosen careers. Courses in this department include reading, writing and mathematics. Also available are support services including Learning Centers and tutoring.

Classes and services are offered at Cascade, Rock Creek, Southeast Center and Sylvania. For most developmental education courses, financial aid is available to those who qualify. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

For accurate placement, students are required to take reading, writing and mathematics placement tests. For specific information, students should contact the nearest campus testing center.

LEARNING CENTERS

Developmental English and mathematics instruction are offered on an individualized basis through the Learning Centers at Cascade, Rock Creek, Southeast Center and Sylvania. Instruction is

available by computer, videotape, lecture, self-paced format, tutoring and other teaching modes.

TUTORING

Free tutorial assistance is offered to students in many academic programs. Students may “drop-in” during any regularly scheduled tutoring time. For more information, contact the Learning Centers at Cascade, Rock Creek, Southeast Center or Sylvania.

TRANSFER COURSES

Consult the Course Descriptions section of the catalog for complete course titles and descriptions.

RD 115, 116, 117

DEVELOPMENTAL ENGLISH

Consult the Course Descriptions section of the catalog for complete course titles and descriptions.

ALC 50, 51, 52, 53

RD 80, 80A, 81A, 82A, 90, 90A, 91A, 92A, 95

WR 80, 80C, 90, 90C, 91, 91A, 92, 92A, 93

DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS

Consult the Course Descriptions section of the catalog for complete course titles and descriptions.

ALC 60, 61, 62, 63

MTH 15, 20, 20B, 21C, 22, 22C, 23C, 24C, 25C, 26C, 27C

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION COURSES

Consult the Course Descriptions section of the catalog for complete course titles and descriptions.

DE 21, 31, 50

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

www.pcc.edu/prepare/esol/

DESCRIPTION

The ESOL Program offers classes for people whose native language is not English. Reading, writing, listening and speaking skills are taught together in Levels 1-3. Separate skill classes in reading, writing and communication are taught in levels 4-8. American culture is stressed in all 8 levels.

ESOL classes are open to adult immigrants and refugees (including U.S. citizens), and international students and visitors who want to improve their English language proficiency. Testing and orientation are required before entering the program.

COURSE OF STUDY

The ESOL Department offers Basic ESOL (Levels 1-3), Transitional ESOL (Levels 4-5) and Academic ESOL (Levels 6-8). After Academic ESOL, students are ready for RD 115 and WR 115, after which students become eligible to take most college transfer-level classes.

ESOL Levels 1 - 8 serve the needs of adult refugees and immigrants. Levels 4 - 8 also serve the needs of professional personnel working or training in the U.S., international students and international visitors.

ESOL offers both credit and non-credit classes. Levels 1-3 are non-credit classes. Levels 4 and 5 can be taken either as non-credit or college credit classes. Levels 6-8 are credit classes.

Up to twenty-four credits of Level 7 and 8 ESOL courses may be applied to all PCC associate degrees. The cost of an ESOL class ranges from a moderate fee to full college tuition. Each class in Levels 1-3 is designed to take two or three terms to complete. Each class in Levels 4 - 8 is designed to be completed in one term. All new students must be tested prior to enrollment.

Students should contact the campus where they want to attend to find out about testing. International students should first contact an international student advisor at 971-722-5670 (CA), 971-722-7150 (RC) or 971-722-8310 (SY).

TESTING CENTERS

Cascade 971-722-5234

Sylvania 971-722-4533

Southeast 971-722-6277

Rock Creek 971-722-7300

Returning to the ESOL Program After One Year

If a student has been gone from the ESOL program for 1 year, then the student needs to retake the Compass ESL placement test and attend a placement/advising session before registering for any ESOL classes. If a student has taken the Compass ESL placement test but has not completed any ESOL classes during the past year, then the student will need to retake the Compass ESL placement test. A student may be able to successfully register online for an ESOL class, but if the student has been gone for 1 year, the student will not be allowed to remain in the ESOL class(es) until the student has retaken the Compass ESL placement test.

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Cascade Campus
Student Services Building (SSB), Room 109
971-722-5416

Southeast Center
Mt. Tabor Hall (MTH), Room 152C
971-722-6155

Rock Creek Campus
Building 9, Room 102
971-722-7290

Sylvania Campus
College Center (CC), Room 216
971-722-4473

Students 16 years and older may complete college courses to complete requirements for the Adult High School Diploma at PCC. Students under the age of 16 who wish to be considered for enrollment in PCC classes must complete the “Underage Exception Process for Admission and Registration”. Previous high school credits from an accredited institution are evaluated and applied toward the diploma requirements. Students take college courses to complete their remaining high school requirements. The accumulated college credits may also be applied toward a

college degree or certificate. The academic plan must be developed with the High School Completion Office at the PCC campus the student wishes to attend. For more information, contact the PCC Admissions Office of the campus where you intend to enroll.

HOW TO ENROLL

Prior to registration, students must:

1. Be at least 16 years old.
2. Have earned a minimum of 12 credits from an accredited high school or appropriate college work. Those with less than 12 credits may be admitted on a probationary status.
3. Provide PCC with an official copy of their high school transcript mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to one of the campus offices above.
4. Apply for admissions and take the reading, writing and math placement tests.
5. Schedule an appointment with the campus high school completion specialist at one of the campus offices listed above to discuss transcript evaluation and placement test scores. At that time students will receive a copy of remaining graduation requirements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Please visit the website at: <http://www.pcc.edu/prepare/hs-completion/>.
2. Students must meet the college English and Mathematics competency requirements which are as follows:

Writing placement test less than three years old indicating placement at Writing 115 or completion of Writing 90 with a grade of C or better.

Reading placement test less than three years old indicating placement at Reading 115 or completion of Reading 90 with a grade of C or better.

Math placement test less than three years old indicating placement at Math 70 or higher, or completion of Math 65 with a grade of C or better.
3. Students must attend at least one complete term and satisfactorily pass a minimum of 6 college credit hours.

High school graduation petitions will remain valid for one calendar year.

PCC PREP ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

971-722-6213

www.pcc.edu/pccprep

PCC Prep Alternative Programs offer educational options to youth 16-20 years of age who are at risk of dropping out of school or those who have already left school without obtaining a high school diploma. Three programs offer a variety of options to give students a second chance at academic success.

In the Multicultural Academic Program (MAP) students with a first language other than English improve English skills in reading, writing and speaking. As they gain confidence in their English abilities students can work toward a GED or high school diploma.

In Gateway to College students are given the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma while simultaneously earning college credits. Students start in small learning communities and develop academic and personal skills to help them become successful college students. This is a rigorous program that requires students to be focused and to be committed to their academic success in college.

The Youth Empowered to Succeed! (YES!) program is for students interested in obtaining a GED. Students take classes specifically designed to prepare them to pass the GED tests. After completing their GED, YES! students may be eligible to apply to Gateway to College or receive a tuition waiver for one free term of classes at PCC.

In each program students receive the support of a Resource Specialist who acts as an instructor, advisor, and counselor. In all three programs, the cost of classes and books are covered. In Gateway to College, students are responsible for class fees each term.

See also Alternative Programs, High School Completion, English for Speakers of Other Languages and Developmental Education sections in this catalog for related instruction.

PAVTEC

Rock Creek Campus
Building 5, Room 116
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www.pcc.edu/pavtec

PAVTEC is a consortium of 11 school districts, private industry, labor and other educational institutions including K-12 through graduate school. PAVTEC works with the 40 area high schools and PCC to provide quality articulated career technical programs. Among its responsibilities, PAVTEC coordinates the articulation (dual credit) program called "PCC Dual Credit."

VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTORING

Sylvania Campus
Social Science Building (SS), Room 03
971-722-4148

www.pcc.edu/resources/tutoring/volunteer/

Volunteer tutors are available to help with basic skills in reading, writing, math and speaking English. Some tutors can also help with GED preparations. Tutorial services are available at all PCC locations in addition to a variety of other community sites in Washington County.