

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title II Adult Education Update

Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Meeting

October 26, 2021

Statewide Health Care Core Course Available:

- Designed for individuals with a reading level comparable to the 6th grade level who have an interest in the healthcare field. It prepares them to go on for study at a college.
- It is approximately a 90 hour course in 15-weeks spring semesters (Jan 21-May 13, 2022)
- Many of the technical colleges in Minnesota offer HCCC and recognize the completion of HCCC through adult education, while other colleges can give credit for prior learning. Here are the Minnesota colleges that offer Health Care Core as of Fall 2020:
 - Anoka-Ramsey Community College (HCCC 1000, 3 credits)
 - Anoka Technical College
 - Hennepin Technical College (HLUC 1002, 4 credits)
 - Hibbing Community College
 - Itasca Community College
 - Lake Superior College
 - Minneapolis Community & Technical College
 - Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical (HLTH 100, 2 credits)
 - Minnesota West Community & Technical College
 - Normandale Community College (HCCC 1074, 4 credits)
 - Northland (HLTH 1101, 3 credits)
 - Pine Technical & Community College
 - Saint Cloud Technical & Community College
 - Saint Paul College
 - South Central College

Ambassador Training:

Help Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors Take the Next Step to Skilling Up

After more than a year of challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Minnesota is looking forward to a brighter future, with increased opportunity for all Minnesotans to skill-up, earn a college credential, and improve their economic outlook. We are moving Forward Together and looking for passionate individuals and committed organizations to help achieve the state's higher education attainment goal and to help skill up the state's workforce.

The Forward Together Ambassador Network

We know that word of mouth is the most effective outreach tool to encourage adults to enroll or re-enroll in education or workforce training. Minnesota has partnered with Graduate! Network to recruit and train local volunteer ambassadors to encourage their friends, neighbors, and colleagues to enroll in or to return to college or workforce training and complete their programs. The Ambassadors will be

trained on not only higher education, but also Adult Basic Education integrated programs, state supported workforce training programs, and accessing workforce or career services -ensuring a centralized source of information for Minnesotans.

They don't need to be an expert on higher education or workforce development. They don't to have "all the answers", they need only the desire to help see fellow Minnesotan's succeed. An Ambassador is someone who is interested in being trained how to have conversations with and provide support to the members of their family, social network, or community who might be ready to further their skills or take the next step in their educational journey. Ambassadors volunteer their time by helping us spread the word about Minnesota's education and training opportunities. Being an Ambassador might involve face-to-face conversations, sharing information via social media, or exploring other ways that make sense for their community. The program is flexible and the possibilities for making a real impact are almost limitless!

To become an ambassador, register here <https://mnforwardtogether.com/ambassadors/>.

Adult Basic Education Providers Federal Competitive Grant:

- The federal competitive grant application will be in 2022. All current ABE Consortia will need to submit an application for federal ABE funds. This is also an opportunity for new providers to apply.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Federal Competitive Grant:

- The IELCE competitive grant application will be opened in 2022. This grant can serve professionals with degrees from other countries who need to learn the English language.
- The following ABE programs have been awarded IELCE grants in the 2019 grant competition. These grants will begin in the 2019-2020 program year and will be renewable for two additional years (program years 20-21 and 21-22).
 - Adult Options in Education, Hopkins
 - Great Rivers Adult Education, South Washington County
 - Hmong Cultural Center
 - International Institute
 - Mankato Adult Education
 - Metro North ABE, Anoka-Hennepin
 - Metro South ABE, Bloomington
 - Minneapolis ABE
 - Minnesota Literacy Council
 - Neighborhood House
 - Saint Paul ABE
 - Southeast ABE, Owatonna