

# Jobseeker Services: Adult Education and Literacy Updates

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The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act is Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). It is one of the [six core programs](#).

## Online Statewide Training Courses

It is difficult for some ABE programs, especially in rural areas, to make it financially feasible to offer training courses. Because of this concern, and the employer need for trained individuals, Adult Basic Education is piloting four online statewide training courses this program year. These courses are open to individuals who are eligible for ABE:

### Determining ABE Student Eligibility

An individual is eligible for ABE programming as an official ABE student if they are:

1. At least 17 years of age; and
2. Not enrolled in Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade (K-12) instruction; and
3. Not required to be enrolled in K-12 instruction under state statute; and
4. Who qualify under one or more of the following conditions:
  - a. Are unable to speak, read or write the English language;
  - b. Do not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and have not achieved an equivalent level of education;
  - c. Lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individual to function effectively in society.

### Training Course Offerings

- Paraprofessional Preparation Course
  - Often referred to as a Teacher's assistant, this course prepares students to take the Paraeducator exam and receive their certificate. **Deadline for enrollment is February 2, 2023.**
- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Preparation Course
  - Many students that want to go into nursing will need to take the TEAS test. This course prepares learners to take this exam. **Deadline for enrollment is February 2, 2023.**
- Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Course

- Microsoft Office is a requested skill for employment. This course prepares students to receive a certificate in Word, Excel, and/or PowerPoint. Sessions to onboard new learners are scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Health Care Core Course
  - The course was developed by the Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence <https://www.healthforceminnesota.org/industry/>. Students earn up to four college credits, and satisfy college prerequisites for many healthcare pathways.

## ABE Innovative Programming Briefs

Adult Basic Education does not just offer reading, math and English classes. Adult Basic Education can offer workplace literacy and programming that integrates learning basic academic skills with training (IET). IET is an essential piece of adult career pathways. [ABE Innovative Programming Briefs](#) have been created to highlight some of this programming.

- Adult Career Pathways- Highlights Bridges to Careers in Healthcare
- Integrated Education and Training – Highlights International Institutes Dietary Aide program
- Workplace Literacy- Highlights Great Rivers Adult Education’s work with Andersen Windows and Doors and Renewal by Andersen

## Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grantees

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) programming combines four instructional elements: English language acquisition, civics, workforce preparation and workforce training. Twelve [grantees](#) have been awarded funding to offer this programming.

## ABE Five-Year Narratives

Every year approximately ten ABE consortia have to submit a five-year narrative. This year the consortia that will be submitting narratives are:

American Indian OIC  
 Central MN - St. Cloud  
 Department of Corrections  
 Great Rivers - South Washington County  
 Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan  
 Southeast ABE - Owatonna

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