



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

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

October 25, 2023

Online Statewide Training Courses Available:

Workforce development staff are encouraged to refer any interested adult to these classes.

- Courses are offered at no charge to the student.
- Students enroll through their local ABE program or by contacting the program offering the class.
- The classes are all online. ABE programs provide support with accessing and using technology in order to participate in the class.
- An assessment is provided when students enroll to determine if they are at the appropriate level to be successful in the class.

To help a person locate the ABE program closest to them, use the [Adult Literacy Hotline](#).

For more information about the classes, [use this link to two google doc spreadsheets](#).

Health Care Core – Students can receive up to 4 Minnesota State credits depending on the college and health field they enter.	Ongoing
Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) – Students can receive up to three Minnesota State credits.	Onboarding sessions Oct 25 Nov 29 Dec 13 Jan 24 Feb 21 Mar 21 Apr 24 May 29 June 19 from 1-4
Paraprofessional Preparation -Students prepare for and take an exam to prepare them to work as a paraprofessional /teaching assistant in a school district.	1/15/24 - 6/6/24
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) -Prepares students for passing the TEAS exam for acceptance into a nursing program.	

Ability-to-Benefit:

Several Minnesota State campuses are implementing the ability-to-benefit state plan. This allows adults without a high school diploma to receive financial aid while they are working to get a GED® and working towards a career and technical education credential.

Have you heard of the “Ability to Benefit” program, but you’re not quite sure what it is?

Ability to Benefit is a federal financial aid rule that allows students without a high school diploma (or an equivalent like a GED diploma or home school diploma) to qualify for financial aid, if they prove they have the “ability to benefit” from a college education. To learn more, please consider joining us for a 1-hour Zoom meeting Wednesday, November 29 @ 2:00 p.m., where we will provide an introductory overview and answer questions about this important option for qualifying students.

Topic: Ability to Benefit: An Introductory Overview

Time: **Nov 29, 2023** 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99072444305>

Meeting ID: 990 7244 4305

Adult Education works with employers!

If you hear from employers that they need ELA or ABE services for employees they can contact Julie.Dincau@state.mn.us.