

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

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

April 23, 2024

Federal Monitoring Visit:

A team from the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) visited Minnesota Adult Basic Education. They recognized the colocation of Minneapolis ABE and Metro North ABE with CareerForce as a noteworthy practice.

Minnesota has two approved High School Equivalency exams:

Minnesota has two High School Equivalency (HSE) exams. GED® and HiSET®. HiSET is relatively new in Minnesota but by the end of the year there should be 16 testing sites available.

Online Statewide Training Course 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](#).

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) – Students can receive up to three Minnesota State credits.	Onboarding sessions are from 1-4: Apr 24, May 29, and June 19
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Ability-to-benefit:

Several Minnesota State campuses are implementing the ability-to-benefit state plan. This allows adults without a high school diploma to enroll in college and receive financial aid for their coursework while they are studying for a high school diploma or high school equivalency e

