



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

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

May 22, 2024

#### National Trends in Adult Education:

- 21% increase in enrollment for PY 2021 to PY 2022
- Served over a million adult learners last year
- 60 years of Adult Education

#### Ability-to-Benefit (ATB):

The ability to benefit (ATB) is a federal financial aid rule that allows students without a high school diploma to qualify for financial aid. Minnesota State and Adult Education are working together to implement a state plan. The goal is to assist an individual in earning their high school diploma and receive financial aid to take career and technical education coursework.

The nine colleges currently participating are listed below. If you would like to know more about how clients can access ATB, or about how to engage your local Minnesota State college or ABE program please contact Jim Verhoye at [james.verhoye@minnstate.edu](mailto:james.verhoye@minnstate.edu).

	Minnesota State	Adult Education
1	Hennepin Technical College	Adult Options in Education Metro South ABE Osseo ABE Robbinsdale ABE
2	Lake Superior College	Duluth ABE
3	Minneapolis College	Minneapolis ABE Project for Pride in Living
4	Minnesota State College Southeast	Winona ABE Red Wing ABE
6	Pine Technical and Community College	Metro East ABE St. Croix River Education District (SCRED) ABE
7	Riverland Community College	Austin ABE Owatonna ABE

		Albert Lea ABE
8	Saint Paul College	St. Paul Community Literacy Consortium (SPCLC)
9	South Central College	Mankato ABE Faribault ABE

**Online Statewide Training Course Available:**

<b>Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS)</b> – Students can receive up to three Minnesota State credits.	Onboarding sessions are from 1-4: May 29, and June 19
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**Contacting Adult Education Providers:**

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

Several programs have mentioned having wait lists for learners to enroll in classes.