



Adult Education Update for MN Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Committee

Adult Education is Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Federal Funding

Congress has passed a budget bill for Labor-Health and Human Services-Education-Other Agencies that includes level funding nationally for Adult Education. The President signed the bill.

Ability-to-Benefit

Minnesota has a federally approved state plan that allows learners, who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency, the opportunity to enroll in college training. They work on their high school diploma with an ABE program while taking college coursework. The following colleges have pathways already established for these learners:

- Pine Technical and Community College
- Minnesota State College Southeast
- Hennepin Technical College
- South Central College
- Minneapolis College
- Saint Paul College
- Riverland Community College
- Central Lakes
- Minnesota State Community and Technical College Moorhead
- Northwest Technical College

Online Statewide Training Courses

The following statewide courses will be offered during FY26 (2025–2026 school year):

- **Paraprofessional (Teaching Assistant)** Open enrollment from Aug 25, 2025 - May 15, 2026
- **Personal Care Assistant (PCA)** begins March 3, 2026.
- **Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS)** begins March 25, 2026.

Information about Online Statewide Training Courses - <https://atlasabe.org/resource/online-statewide-training-courses-fy26/>

High School Equivalency Exams

Funding for MNHSEFREE has run out. New codes to get a test discount:

01/21/2026

GED: MNGED10 (\$10 off per subject test, can be used 4 times max per tester)

HiSET (coming soon): MNHiSET8 (\$8 off per subject test, can be used 5 times max per tester)

Adult Literacy Hotline

Contact the [Adult Literacy Hotline](#)

Call: [800-222-1990](tel:800-222-1990) Text: [612-424-1211](tel:612-424-1211)

Email hotlinemnliteracy@gmail.com to request adult literacy outreach materials for your business or organization.

[New video](#) that demonstrates how to use the hotline https://youtu.be/_gT6jtquzws

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