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One in every six Washington adults lacks the literacy skills needed to obtain a job paying livable wages, according to the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

## ABE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Columbia Basin College's Adult Basic Education (ABE) courses help students improve their literacy skills to be better prepared for employment. ABE has two focuses: ABE education and GED preparation. Diagnostic testing results and students' goals provide the basis for individualized, self-paced learning experiences framed by standards-based curriculum.

ABE classes serve adult students, 18 years or older, who need to improve basic reading, writing, and math skills. These basic skills promote success as a citizen and community member, as a parent and family member, and as a worker.



## GED PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GED classes are offered to prepare students to take the exams for the Washington state GED certificate.

### The five GED exams are:

- language arts/writing
- language arts/reading
- social studies
- science
- math

A graduation ceremony for GED students is held every June. All students who have received a GED certificate within the last academic year are invited to participate in the ceremony.

### Class Schedule

ABE and GED classes are offered during the day and evening at the Learning Opportunities Center (LOC) on the CBC Pasco campus and at the Kennewick WorkSource. Instructors provide individual and small group instruction in both classroom and lab settings. Tuition is \$25 per quarter with waivers available for qualified students.

## INTEGRATED BASIC EDUCATION & SKILLS TRAINING (I-BEST)

I-BEST provides an alternative to traditional ABE/GED and ESL classes by combining basic skills and professional-technical classes. Coordinated instruction helps create pathways for students to lead them to high-demand jobs with livable wages. A variety of programs are available each quarter. Examples of I-BEST programs include Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, and Child Development Associate.

### Student Resources & Benefits

- Childcare reimbursement for qualified students
- Personal counseling
- Academic advising
- Travel assistance and bus passes for qualified students
- Disability services
- Job search assistance

