

# Academic and adult basic skills

## Academic Skills

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Instruction and tutoring in basic academics are available to students enrolled in credit courses. Academic Skills classes prepare students for post-secondary coursework and successful participation in the job market; tutoring provides one-on-one instruction and guidance in basic academics.

### Credit classes

Courses are offered in basic reading, writing, mathematics, and study skills to prepare students for college-level courses. Academic Skills also offers college-level courses in critical thinking, speed reading, and vocabulary development.

Students must take a placement test to determine their academic levels before enrolling. Some Academic Skills classes also may be required for certain career and technical programs.

NOTE: A student may receive federal and/or state financial aid for a maximum of 45 attempted developmental education credits (see RCC's Satisfactory Academic Progress policy brochure for a definition of "developmental education" credits). A student who is receiving financial aid and who enrolls in necessary developmental education credits beyond 45 must notify the RCC Financial Aid office in writing so that aid can be adjusted to reflect only eligible enrollment. Notification should be given to Rogue Central on any RCC campus.

## Adult Basic Skills (ABS)

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- Wiseman Center, Redwood Campus, Grants Pass, (541) 956-7340
- G Building, Room 107, Riverside Campus, Medford, (541) 245-7562
- Learning Resource Center, Table Rock Campus, White City, (541) 245-7820

Students who need to learn basic reading, writing and math skills, prepare for GED exams, learn English, or prepare for college placement tests may receive assistance through basic skills programs. There is a nominal charge for services.

New and returning Adult Basic Skills students should call a learning center in their area to schedule an orientation.

In addition, employers who want to provide basic skills training for their workers may contract for services that are designed especially for their work sites. Call one of the centers listed above for more information.

Adults who need to learn basic reading, writing, and math skills may attend classes tailored for their needs and study independently in a learning lab with assistance from qualified instructors. Educational computer programs are available, as well as video series in a variety of subject areas. Students also may use the RCC learning centers for basic skills review prior to taking the college placement test.

## General Educational Development (GED)

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Students who are 16 years of age and older and who do not have a high school diploma may prepare to take the GED exam in English or in Spanish. GED preparation in Spanish is available in a classroom setting at the Riverside Campus Learning Center, G Building, and self-study with instruction is available on the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass and the Table Rock Campus in White City.

Students who are 16 or 17 years of age must present a referral form from the school district in which they live before enrolling. Students who are home schooled under the auspices of the Southern Oregon Educational Service District and who are 16 or 17 years of age must present a notification of home school enrollment letter.

The five-part GED examination covers writing skills, social studies, science, literature and mathematics. Reading assessments in English or Spanish are required to ensure that students' skills are at secondary levels. Students who have reading skills lower than secondary level are referred to basic skills or ESL classes for basic skills review before entering the GED program.

## GED Testing

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- Redwood Campus GED Examiner, Grants Pass, (541) 956-7100 or (541) 956-7167
- Riverside Campus GED Examiner, Medford, (541) 245-7695 or (541) 245-7777

Candidates must attend a scheduled registration session at one of RCC's testing centers before official testing may begin. The fee for the complete battery of five tests is \$100. It is to be paid prior to the registration session. For an explanation of other registration requirements, contact an RCC GED test center or visit the GED Web site.

Once registration is complete, candidates attend scheduled test sessions at their convenience. Each test session is test specific, and candidates may take one test per session. Testing procedures and schedules are reviewed at registration. Upon successful completion of all tests, a certificate is awarded by the state of Oregon.

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

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Students learn to speak, read, write and comprehend spoken English in ESL classes. They also learn to use computers and educational software with the help of qualified instructors.

In the Medford area, students who have difficulty attending classes may enroll in a program that combines home study with less frequent visits to the learning center.

## Citizenship

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Students study the specific information and learn the skills required to take the U.S. citizenship test. More information is available by calling (541) 956-7253 in Grants Pass, (541) 245-7701, in Medford.

## Services for employers

Basic skills or ESL curricula can be tailored to the specific needs of employers and their employees. RCC's Adult Basic Skills and Customized Training departments contract with employers to assess their needs, design curricula, and provide instruction. Classes may be held at the work site or on one of the RCC campuses.