

LITERACY ASSISTANCE CENTER ACADEMY
Preparing Students for the GED Exam
Using the Common Core State Standards



▶ *GED Prep Certificate Program*



Literacy Assistance Center

Join us on...



The Literacy Assistance Center Academy is proud to announce that we are now taking applications for our NEW certificate program called “Preparing Students to Take the GED Exam Using the Common Core State Standards.” This rigorous program provides future as well as current adult educators with an overview of best practices for GED instruction, a firm foundation in the newly-adopted Common Core State Standards for K-12 which will form the basis of the new GED exam, and an understanding of the anticipated changes to the GED in 2014. Participants will attend 36 hours of on-site classes supplemented by an additional 90 -120 hours of study and reflection online as part of a professional community of practice. The interactive online supplement is designed to enable cohort groups to morph into permanent professional learning communities of peer mentors.

This program serves as an initial qualification for:

- anyone considering a career in or currently teaching GED preparation classes to adults or at-risk youths
- programs offering staff or professional development to adults in the fields of workplace training, in-house corporate and computer training, vocational rehabilitation, union trade, craft and business training, healthcare industry staff development or proprietary non-degree adult school education
- anyone interested in developing a continuing specialization in the teaching of adults

Enhanced GED Testing Program Will Validate Career- and College-Readiness

“The American Council on Education (ACE) and Pearson today announced the creation of a ground-breaking new business that will drive the future direction, design, and delivery of the GED® testing program. Building on the goals of the GED 21st Century Initiative, the two partners will combine their collective expertise and resources to develop a new GED Test aligned with Common Core State Standards that will assure colleges, universities and prospective employers that adults who have passed the GED Tests are prepared to compete and succeed in a global economy.”

Pearson, Washington D.C., March 15, 2011



Date and Time Schedule

Participants have two options to choose from:

Spring 2012: GED Prep (Cohort # 2)

Extended Program - Saturdays

January 21, 2012 – June 16, 2012

Application Deadline Date: **December 16, 2011**

Summer 2012: GED Prep (Cohort # 3)

Intensive Program

July 23, 2012 – August 6, 2012

Application Deadline Date: **June 22, 2012**

In both of these programs, participants attend 36 hours of on-site classes. In addition, they accumulate an additional 90-120 hours of study and reflection as part of an online community of practice that continues to serve as a peer mentoring support group after the completion of the program.

Each unit of instruction for this program will emphasize the integration of technology into GED instruction. Participants will design a lesson plan for units 2 – 6 listed to the right.

All LAC certification programs qualify participants for an official Certificate of Completion and 10 CEU's.

Tuition and Fees

\$625.00

Application and Processing Fee:

\$25.00 non-refundable

To Apply: An application is required to be admitted to this program. To apply, go to <http://lacnyc.org/profdev/GEDPrep>

For more information about this program,

please contact Shannon Allen at

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GED Prep Certificate Units

Unit 1: Orientation and Introduction

This workshop introduces participants to: program objectives and expectations; an overview of the past, present and future of the GED; the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); and an introduction to the online learning forum.

Unit 2: A Focus on Reading

Learn evidence-based teaching strategies designed to foster student success on the current and future GED. Special attention will be paid to the changes instructors should anticipate for the 2014 GED literacy test.

Unit 3: Science and Social Studies Prep

Learn the essentials of contextualized lesson planning and how to take an interdisciplinary approach to lesson design for these topics. Special attention will be paid to the changes instructors should anticipate for both 2014 GED test subjects. Test taking strategies will also be addressed.

Unit 4: Math Mastery for the GED – 2 days

Math is typically the most intimidating topic for GED teachers because they often lack formal training. The math test is also historically one of the most difficult GED tests for our learners. During these two workshops learn mathematical concepts that are essential to success on the current and future GED as well as evidence-based teaching strategies that will promote student achievement.

Unit 5: A Focus on Writing

The essay portion of the writing test also tends to be very challenging for test takers. Learn effective evidence-based approaches to instruction and lesson planning that will help learners become more efficient, organized and confident when writing essays. Special attention will be paid to the changes instructors should anticipate for the 2014 GED literacy test.

Unit 6: Transitions

College and career readiness are the major focus of education reform in the 21st century and often the ultimate goal of GED students. Learn effective approaches to integrating these topics into current and future GED preparation lesson design.

Program Completion

During this final workshop, participants will submit completed teacher portfolios, essays and lesson plans. They will also share selected activities and materials that they have developed over the course of this program with other participants.



Literacy Assistance Center Academy



For almost 30 years, the Literacy Assistance Center (LAC) of New York City has been the principal Professional Development and Education provider for adult educators and adult literacy education programs throughout the five boroughs of New York City. LAC courses for teachers and managers include offerings in GED teaching, family literacy, health Literacy,

workforce development, leadership development, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and Adult Basic Education.

Recognized as a national leader in adult education, the LAC Academy offers five certificate-based programs: the Adult Literacy Education Core Curriculum (ALECC), Leadership Development for Emerging Leaders, the Teaching of English as a Second Language to Adults (TESLA), GED Prep and Freirian Popular Education.

All five can make a difference in your career and life by providing you with:

- Core knowledge
- Opportunities to share ideas and experiences with peers
- A chance to try out new strategies and methods and get immediate feedback
- A valuable credential from a reputable leader in adult education

For more information about the **Literacy Assistance Center**, please visit our website at www.lacnyc.org or call us at **212-803-3351**.

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