



High School Credential Options

	General Education Development (GED) High School Equivalency	High School Completion Program (HSCP)
Entry Requirements		
<i><u>Age</u></i>	16 or older	16 or older
<i><u>Pre-Assessment</u></i>	Standardized assessments in Reading, Writing, and Math recommended for predicting GED exam readiness.	Standardized assessments in Reading, Writing, and Math are required – scores must meet or exceed the minimum-level requirement.
<i><u>School Status</u></i>	Not enrolled in a public or private high school and not currently home schooling.	Un-enrolled or enrolled in a local public high school. Open to adults with a GED and to those with a HS diploma from a foreign country.
Outcome	GED Certificate issued by the State of Vermont Agency of Education	Diploma from local high school
Average Length of Program	Preparation time plus two or more Official GED testing days	Varies – depends on length of graduation plan and student skills
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction and support as needed • GED Ready practice tests as needed • Computer – based test consists of four content areas (Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies) and measures a foundational core of knowledge and skills essential for career and college readiness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized Graduation Education Plan developed and agreed to by AEL provider, student (parent if student is under 18), and local high school. • Instruction sessions plus learning and workbased activities to meet the plan’s objectives
Completion Criteria	Meet the exam score requirements.	Meet graduation plan objectives using designated evidence of achievement
Choices	Pass the GED Testing Service / Vermont approved official computer-based exams.	Develop an individualized Graduation Education Plan for diploma completion and enhanced career and/or college readiness
Cost to Participant	\$36 each or \$144 for battery of four exams. Retesting ranges from \$10 - \$30 per test.	No cost to student