

## GED & Adult Education Programs

*Empowering Second Chances Through Learning and Skills*

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Florida's Adult Education system provides critical pathways for individuals seeking to earn a high school equivalency diploma (GED), learn English, or gain workforce-ready skills through technical training. These programs—offered across school districts, community colleges, and technical centers—play a vital role in empowering justice-impacted individuals to rebuild their lives.

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### Statewide Resources & Frameworks

- The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) oversees Adult Education programs, including Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED & Adult High School (AHS), and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), with a focus on essential literacy, numeracy, and language skills.
  - The Institute for the Professional Development of Adult Educators (IPDAE) offers educators rich resources—webinars, curriculum tools, and training aids that support effective adult learning and career pathways.
  - Florida's Integrated Education & Training (IET) model combines basic skills education (like literacy or GED prep) with workforce training, enabling faster pathways into employment.
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### Adult Education in Key Florida Counties

#### Miami-Dade County

- Multiple Adult Education Centers offer ABE, GED prep, ESOL, plus Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in sectors like healthcare, IT, construction, and culinary arts.
- Miami Lakes Educational Center is a shared academic and technical training campus offering adult vocational training alongside high school curricula.

#### Orange County (Orlando Area)



- Mid-Florida Tech (part of Orange County Public Schools) delivers vocational training—from HVAC to firefighting—and hosts the Career and Adult Education division of the Orlando district.

#### Hillsborough County (Tampa Area)

- Erwin Technical College offers GED prep, ESOL, and vocational classes—including the CARIBE program for English language development among recent immigrants.
- Learey Technical College (Tampa) focuses on public safety training—EMT and firefighter certification.

#### Duval County (Jacksonville) & Northeast Florida

- The FLDOE's Apprenticeship Programs office includes regional contacts for Duval and surrounding counties, offering apprenticeship-based workforce development.

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### How to Get Started

1. Locate your local provider—Visit the FLDOE site or use the “Get There FL” portal to identify nearby Adult Education or continuing education options.
2. Enroll in ABE, GED, or ESOL—Many programs offer flexible scheduling and online options to accommodate different needs.
3. Explore technical training and IET—See if programs at local technical colleges or school-based CTE centers align with your skills goals and workforce needs.

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### Why It Matters

- Nearly 170,000 adults are enrolled statewide in these essential programs, helping them earn diplomas and advance to post-secondary education or employment.
  - These opportunities not only boost individual success—they build stronger, more equitable communities.
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## Want to Help?

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## Sources & Helpful Links

### ◆ Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)

- **Adult Education Overview:**  
<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/adult-edu/>
- **Career & Adult Education Home:**  
<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/>
- **Integrated Education & Training (IET):**  
<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/adult-edu/adult-edu-career-pathways.shtml>
- **Florida Apprenticeship Programs:**  
<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/apprenticeship-programs/>

### ◆ Statewide Portals

- **Get There Florida (FLDOE Career Pathways Portal):**  
<https://gettherefl.com/adulted/>
- **Institute for the Professional Development of Adult Educators (IPDAE):**  
<https://www.floridaipdae.org/>

### ◆ Local & Regional Programs

- **Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Adult Education:**  
<https://www.adulteducationworks.com/>
- **Orange County Public Schools – Career & Technical Education:**  
<https://cte.ocps.net/>
- **Hillsborough County Public Schools – Workforce & Adult Education:**  
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/adulted>



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- **Erwin Technical College (Hillsborough):**  
<https://erwin.edu/>
- **Learey Technical College (Tampa):**  
<https://learey.mysdhc.org/>
- **Mid Florida Tech (Orange County):**  
<https://mft.ocps.net/>
- **ACE of Florida – Facts About Adult Education:**  
<https://www.aceofflorida.org/facts>