

GED & Adult Education Programs

Empowering Second Chances Through Learning and Skills

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.

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.

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)



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 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.

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.

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.



Want to Help?

Explore our resources, share this guide, or get involved:

Website: yourpathback.org

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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.stml

• 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:

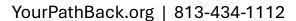
https://www.adulteducationworks.com/

• Orange County Public Schools - Career & Technical Education:

https://cte.ocps.net/

Hillsborough County Public Schools – Workforce & Adult Education:

https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/adulted





• 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