



Lawrence Education Center
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Lawrence Education Center provides Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, High School Equivalency preparation, Adult Diploma Program, Vocational Skills education and training, along with career exploration and transitional activities for students age 16 and older. Students have opportunities to explore careers and career pathways, learn employability and job survival skills, develop leadership skills, learn financial literacy skills, and earn skills leading to a certificate or credential.

High School Equivalency Exam Preparation (GED®)

Includes instruction in reading, writing, literature, mathematics, science, social studies and Constitution in preparation for the GED® examination. Classes meet 5 days a week, either 9:00 am – 12:00 noon or 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

Adult Diploma Program

This program offers students with a minimum of 10 credits an opportunity to complete courses to earn an Adult Diploma. Lawrence Education Center is part of Springfield Public School District #186, and utilizes the course structure and requirements necessary to assist a student in earning their Diploma. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Career Exploration/Work-Based Learning Options

- Pre-Bridge Pre-C.N.A. Program – In partnership with Fishes & Loaves Vocational School, the “Smart Moves” Pre-C.N.A. program provides contextualized instruction while exploring a career pathway to C.N.A. Students will earn a Personal Care Attendant certificate, and will be able to determine upon completion if pursuing the C.N.A. is the right choice for their personal goals. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program to participate.
- C.N.A. Bridge – In partnership with Fishes & Loaves Vocational School, this program provides next steps for a student to move from Pre-C.N.A. to C.N.A. licensure. Student must have completed, or be close to completing, their GED® or Adult Diploma, and have successfully completed the Pre-C.N.A. program.
- I.T. Bridge – This Bridge program provides contextualized instruction and learning in the Information Technology area. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program to participate.
- Technology Workforce Preparation Program – In partnership with Computer Banc, students participate in hands-on training working with computers and computer components, loading software, and deconstructing and constructing a working computer. Students must successfully complete the I.T. Bridge to participate.
- Hospitality Bridge – This program allows students to explore multiple Leisure & Hospitality career pathways and learn supporting concepts and terminology. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program.
- Food Protection Managers Certification – Students can obtain the Sangamon County Department of Public Health’s approved IL Food Protection Managers Certification. Students must complete Hospitality Bridge to participate.
- Construction Pre-Bridge – In partnership with IBEW Local #193, students will be introduced to the Construction industry, and will obtain the OSHA-10 in Construction. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program to participate.
- Mastering Digital Literacy – MDL assists in learning the computer skills needed to pass the High School Equivalency exams (GED®) and/or pursue other career pathways. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion from Microsoft. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program. This is a required course for all students, & must be completed prior to being enrolled in any Pre-Bridge/Bridge/Vocational/IET program.
- Education-To-Careers Academy – Enrolled students are introduced to workplace skills and will achieve a deeper understanding of how to prepare for a career in the workforce. Students engage in interactive learning, including group activities, gain experience using computers, explore career options and incorporate them into a personalized career plan, & set goals to further their education. Students will obtain C.P.R. certification, Food Handlers Certification, and Illinois WorkNet Readiness Assessment. This is a required course for all students, & must be completed prior to being enrolled in any Pre-Bridge/Bridge/Vocational/IET program.
- Prepare Youth To Work – This program is available to eligible enrolled students and provides opportunities for job shadowing and employment internships with partnering local businesses.

Registration

Programs have different requirements to complete registration. Please call, visit our website, or visit the school for additional information on registration days, times and required documentation. Programs are Open Entry. Students must attend an Orientation, held twice per month on Fridays, and then will start their classes the following week after they attend their Orientation.

Stephens Amendment

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