



Lawrence Education Center
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Lawrence Education Center provides Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, High School Equivalency preparation, Adult High School Diploma, 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 High School Diploma Program

This program offers students with a minimum of 10 credits an opportunity to complete courses to earn an Adult High School 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.

Other Options

- Pre-Bridge Program – “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® Preparation program or the Adult High School Diploma program to participate.
- C.N.A. Program – In partnership with Fishes & Loaves Vocational Center, this program provides next steps for a student to move from the Pre-Bridge to C.N.A. licensure. Prerequisite: Student must have completed their GED® or Adult High School Diploma, and successfully completed the Pre-Bridge 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® Preparation program or the Adult High School Diploma program to participate.
- Technology Workforce Preparation Program – In partnership with Computer Banc, students participate in a hands-on training working with computers and computer components, loading software, and deconstructing and construction a working computer. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Preparation program or the Adult High School Diploma program to participate.
- Mastering Digital Literacy – This course assists students in 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 upon completion. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Preparation program or the Adult High School Diploma program to participate.
- Hospitality Bridge – This program allows students to explore multiple hospitality & tourism career pathways and learn supporting concepts and terminology. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Preparation program or the Adult High School Diploma program to participate.
- 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, and work to improve basic math, reading and writing skills needed for 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 to set goals to further their education. Students will obtain C.P.R. certification, Food Handlers Certification, and Illinois WorkNet Readiness Assessment.
- 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 Monday after they attend their Orientation.

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