

## Adult Education: Learning for Life



### IECC Adult Education

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## Illinois Eastern Community Colleges



**Frontier Community College**  
**Lincoln Trail College**  
**Olney Central College**  
**Wabash Valley College**

## IECC's Adult Education staff promotes lifelong learning!



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The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Adult Education program purpose is to help adults obtain the education and skills needed to enhance their lives.

Each college within the IECC district has Adult Education staff focused on helping students reach their educational and career goals.

The following programs are offered by IECC to help reach our vision of assisting adults in enhancing their education, skills, and lives:

- ◆ **Adult and Family Literacy**
- ◆ **GED Preparation Classes**
- ◆ **Adult Basic Education Classes**
- ◆ **Human Services Program**
- ◆ **Basic Computer Classes**

Brief descriptions of each program are included in the following pages. For additional information, please contact the Adult Education department at one of the following colleges:

Frontier	1-877-464-3687
Lincoln Trail	1-866-582-4322
Olney Central	1-866-622-4322
Wabash Valley	1-866-982-4322

## IECC Adult Education – Helping Adults Learn for a Lifetime

### Adult and Family Literacy

The IECC Literacy Development Program offers adults and children the opportunity to enhance their reading skills. The Literacy Program serves all individuals throughout the IECC district with less than a ninth grade reading level.

Qualifying individuals work with a trained volunteer tutor to learn how to better speak, read, and write. These services are also provided to ESL (English as a Second Language) students and can help those interested in becoming a U.S. citizen to study for the citizenship test.

The Family Literacy program offers parents, grandparents, and children the opportunity to learn together. This program promotes active learning through fun and educationally based literacy activities such as children's fairs, story hours, parenting classes, and individual and group tutoring.

### Literacy Development Contacts

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### GED/ABE Classes

All colleges throughout the IECC district offer tuition-free classes to help prepare students for the GED exam. Day and evening classes are typically offered in 8 or 16 week formats. The GED/ABE classes review math, reading, writing, science, social studies, and the Constitution, which are all covered on the exam. Any person 16 years of age or older is able to enroll in GED classes.

Classes can also help students who have been out of school for many years. The ABE courses provide the opportunity for students to update their knowledge and become more prepared to continue their education or re-enter the tough job market.

### GED/ABE Contacts

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### Human Services Program

The IECC Human Services Program (AEHSP) helps individuals receiving assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services enhance their education and find employment. The AEHSP offers free books and tuition for pre-approved vocational courses. In order to qualify, students must receive assistance from DHS or be designated "low income", prove sufficient reading level on TABE evaluation, and track attendance throughout the semester.

Pre-approved courses include Nurse Assistant Training (CNA), Employment Methods, Computer courses, Automotive Technology, Horticulture, and many others. An entire list of acceptable courses is available upon request.

The Human Services Program also provides career guidance and job search tips, stays aware of available positions in the area, and provides job listings from local newspapers upon request.

### Human Services Contact

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### Basic Computer Classes

Free basic computer classes are also available at all IECC locations. These courses are designed for students with limited computer knowledge. Students learn basic parts of the computer, keyboard and mouse operation, a brief introduction to Microsoft Office, and the basics of working with the Internet and Email.

### Computer Classes Contacts

For more information on basic computer classes, please call the ABE/ GED contact at the college that serves your geographical area.

