

# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

The Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Program is funded by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to provide English language, math, reading, and writing instruction to help students acquire the skills needed to succeed in the workforce, earn a high school equivalency, or enter college or career training. Our AEL Program serves adults who are at least 16 years old and/or are beyond the compulsory school attendance age and meet any of the following criteria: function below the high school level, lack a high school credential, are unable to speak, read or write in English which substantially impairs their ability to find or retain employment. Instruction is free of charge in Navarro, Ellis, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties.

Students must qualify for the Adult Education Program through a state approved test. The instruction in the AEL Program is designed to assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and economic self-sufficiency.

The high school equivalency (HSE) preparation classes help support participants in achieving the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE). These classes are designed for adults who did not complete a formal high school education. A TxCHSE may be issued to adults who successfully complete a HSE examination, verifying that the holder has demonstrated a level of educational competence equivalent to that of a high school graduate. The certificate may be used to meet job requirements and for admittance to college.

ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are designed to provide English instruction to those who are not fluent in reading, writing, or speaking the English language. Additional program classes include Citizenship, designed to assist the student in preparing for the 100 question Naturalization test and completion of the N-400 Form to apply for citizenship. These students are also co-enrolled in Navarro College Continuing Education business classes that focus on Entrepreneurship. Integrated Education and Training classes support students in basic skills acquisition in direct relation to approved Continuing Education (CE) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. These classes promote student success in the CE and CTE classes and in attaining an industry recognized credential or license. Students must test for grant eligibility prior to enrollment in this program. Tuition assistance is available for CE and CTE classes.