



# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## AZ Adult Education News to Use - August 2024

### From the State Director...

#### The Americans with Disabilities Act Turns 34

34 years ago on July 26, 1990, the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)* was signed into law. This historic civil rights law protects the rights of people with disabilities. Check out the ADA Anniversary Toolkit for ideas and to find valuable information and resources.

- READ [ADA Publications & Videos](#)
  - [Overview of ADA | Timeline of ADA |](#)
  - [ADA Live! Podcast & Resources](#)
- TAKE [ADA Training \(courses, webinars & more\)](#)
  - [My ADA Learning webcourses](#)
  - [ADA Coordinator Training Certification Program \(ACTCP\)](#)
- GET [Answers to ADA Questions](#) from ADA National Network
- [Arizona Department of Economic Security-Rehabilitation Services](#)

#### Funding Announcement - Round 5 Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor has released the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to solicit applications for the fifth round of Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (or SCC5). The purpose of this grant program is to build community colleges' capacity to meet the skill development needs of employers and equitably support students in obtaining good jobs in in-demand industries.

For more information, go to:

<https://collegeconnection.workforcegpps.org/announcements/2024/07/18/18/39/SCC5-Funding-Announcement>

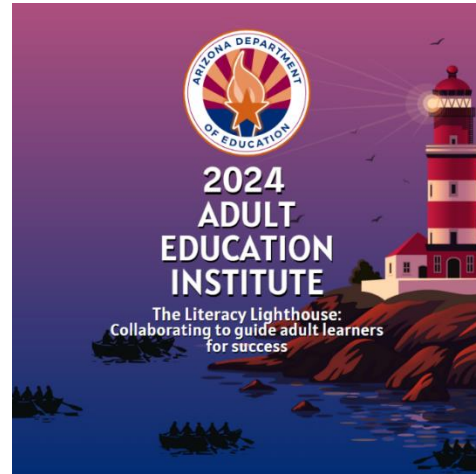
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## Next Month in Scottsdale!

The **2024 AZ Adult Education Institute** will be held at the **Doubletree Resort by Hilton Hotel - Paradise Valley**, Thursday, September 12 - Saturday, September 14, 2024.

**Deadline to book your hotel room is Monday, August 24!**

Visit the **Institute webpage** for registration and lodging information plus the schedule (subject to change).



## HSE Services

### THREE WAYS TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA

**CHOOSE FROM THREE PATHWAYS:**

- 1. GED® TESTING PATHWAY**  
Candidate\*\* must pass the 4 subtests (Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science) with a minimum score of 145 in each subject area. Pass the Arizona Civics Test with a minimum score of 60\*.
- 2. HSE PLUS CAREER READINESS PATHWAY**  
The Adult Education student\*\* must accumulate and document 22 points in two areas (Academic Readiness and Career Readiness) through a variety of different sources. Pass the Arizona Civics Test with a minimum score of 60\*.
- 3. COLLEGE CREDIT PATHWAY**  
Candidate\*\* must earn 25 college credits in 6 specific subject areas. Classes must be at least at the 100+ level with a passing grade letter of 'C' or above. Pass the Arizona Civics Test with a minimum score of 60\*.

**ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA**

**IMPORTANT**  
\*As mandated per A.R.S. § 15-701.01, any person wishing to obtain an Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma must pass the Arizona Civics Test.  
\*\*Per A.R.S. § 15-702, individuals must be sixteen years of age or older and not enrolled in school, and lack a high school diploma, to be eligible to any of the three HSE pathways in Arizona.

**STUDENTS IN ARIZONA NOW HAVE THREE WAYS TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (HSE) DIPLOMA.**

**1. GED® TESTING PATHWAY**  
Individuals sixteen years of age or older, not enrolled in secondary school or required to be enrolled in secondary school, and lack a high school diploma, can earn their High School Equivalency Diploma by passing the 4 GED® tests along with the AZ Civics Test. You don't have to take all tests at once - you can space them out and go at your own pace.

**Test Subjects:**

- Reasoning Through Language Arts
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Science
- Social Studies
- Arizona Civics

**2. HSE PLUS CAREER READINESS PATHWAY**  
Individuals sixteen years of age or older, not enrolled in secondary school or required to be enrolled in secondary school, lack a high school diploma, and enrolled in WQOA Title II Adult Education programs can earn their HSE Diploma through the HSE PLUS Career Readiness Pathway by demonstrating Academic Readiness (14 points) and Career Readiness (8 points), for a required total of 22 points\*.

\* Eligible individuals must be actively enrolled in a WQOA Title II Adult Education provider. Application submission will be completed through the eligible Adult Education program.

**3. COLLEGE CREDIT PATHWAY**  
To be eligible for the College Credit Pathway, individuals must be sixteen years of age or older, not enrolled in secondary school or required to be enrolled in secondary school, and lack a high school diploma\*.

**Requirements:**

- Earn 25 college credits in specific areas.
- Courses must be at the 100-course level or above.
- Passing grade letter of 'C' or above.
- Credits must be earned at or validated by an Arizona public state university or community college.
- Pass the Arizona Civics Test.

\* It is the applicant's responsibility to work with an academic advisor at an eligible institution to ensure that all coursework meets the credit requirements of the College Credit Pathway.

**Arizona Department of Education**  
More Information:  
Arizona Department of Education Adult Education Services | 1535 W Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
<http://www.azed.gov/adultservices/hse/> | Phone number: (602) 256-2410

A QR code located at the bottom right of the infographic, which likely links to the Arizona Department of Education's website for more information on HSE services.

## Fiscal Services

- FY2025 Final Award Letters will be sent by August 9th. Contact [janice.cruz@azed.gov](mailto:janice.cruz@azed.gov) with questions
- 1st Quarter Grant Award Reimbursement Requests (aka drawdowns) Reminder. Please regularly draw down your program's FY2025 Adult Education awarded funds. Contact [janice.cruz@azed.gov](mailto:janice.cruz@azed.gov) with questions.
- FY2024 Completion Report is due in **GME** by September 30, 2024.
- Grants Management training can be found at [GME Bootcamp](#).

## Program Operations & Accountability

### Final Data for PY2023-24

We are getting closer to programming being completed in AAEDMS to incorporate the new MSG 1d (passing one or more subtests of the GED® exam! A message will be posted on the AAEDMS dashboard once this is done, alerting all providers to review their data one last time.

### New Staff Reminder

For new staff, remember this order! First, FERPA training. Second, AAEDMS profile. Third, other accounts (e.g., Insight, online curricula). Mnemonic: **FERPA** comes **FERST**

### TABE Testing

- Check those TABE certifications! Courses are open now – register in the APLD.
- Remember that the **Language test is mandatory again** and should be administered with the Reading test in most cases. Check with [Jeremy Smith](#) or your program liaison if you have questions (*Providers have until October 1 to phase this requirement in*).
- New TABE license pricing is in effect, as of July 1.
- CLAS-E, forms C and D are anticipated to be released in September.
- TABE 13&14 is anticipated to be released in December.

## Teaching & Learning

**Did you know** the Teaching & Learning team can customize a webinar session for your program? Check out the [Training Catalog](#) to see our offerings and then complete the [Teaching & Learning Request Form](#)

**Mark Your Calendar** for an upcoming **DOE-OCTAE LINCS webinar** for Program Administrators, College and Career Navigators, and IET Coordinators!

## LINCS August Universal Technical Assistance Webinar

Title: Creating Pathways for Global Engagement: Career Advising and Navigating

When: Wednesday, August 8, 2024, 12:00p - 1:30p

Presenter: Sandy Goodman, World Education, Inc.

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## Upcoming Training & Events

### **PY2024-25 PLIP Guidance Webinar**

This optional webinar is for program administrators who would like additional support and guidance with completing their PY2024-25 Professional Learning Implementation Plan (PLIP).

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 2:00p - 3:30p**

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Congratulations on completing your Year One **STAR Training!** We welcome you back to join us for this webinar where we'll talk about what Year 2 support looks like as well as program and state expectations.

Attendance is mandatory for those who **completed STAR in PY2023-24.**

**Friday, August 16, 2024 9:00a – 10:00a**



Are you looking to gain a deeper understanding of the **STAR Diagnostic Assessment**? This is your chance to enhance your knowledge and skills in determining instructional priorities and tailor your instruction to meet the individual needs of each student.

**Friday, August 30, 2024 9:00a - 10:30a**

# AZ Shop Talk

Adult Education Services

Join **Beverly Wilson, State Director, and the Adult Education Services team** for Shop Talk! Important news, upcoming trainings, and question/answer opportunities will keep you up to date on what's happening in Arizona Adult Education!

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 2:30p - 3:30p**

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## 2024 AZ Adult Education Poster Processional at the Institute!

The poster processional is an optional way to creatively express your program's values and pride! We'll have a poster march into the Grand Ballroom on Thursday, September 12, to display your board (standard poster board size) designed to represent your program. It's also a contest (with a prize!)

Contact [Leo Jimenez](#) for details.

# **PY2024-25 On-demand, Self-paced Training Courses**

**(click the course below to register!)**

**[TABE Proctor Certification Course](#)**

**[TABE Coordinator Certification Course](#)**

**[Arizona Adult Education 101](#)**

**[ADE/AES Educational Technology Courses - Blended Learning Certification](#)**

**[ADE/AES Educational Technology Courses - Digital Literacy for Teachers \(Beginner\)](#)**

**[ADE/AES Educational Technology Courses - Digital Literacy for Teachers \(Intermediate\)](#)**

**[ADE/AES Educational Technology Courses - Building a Google Site for Your Blended Classroom](#)**