

Careers Ahead Fact Sheet 2017-2018

Other Education Routes

Public School Programs

Correspondence Study Courses

The Correspondence Study Program offers the opportunity to complete a secondary school education. There are about 50 correspondence courses offered at the grade 7–12 levels. The courses are self-paced and once successfully completed, the student receives a certificate that is recognized for credit towards a Junior High completion, High School Graduation Diploma, or High School Graduation Diploma for Adults.

For a list of available courses and costs, contact Correspondence Study Program Learning Resources & Technology Services Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Website: <http://csp.ednet.ns.ca>
Phone: 902-424-4054

Continuing Education Courses

School boards offer a variety of continuing education courses including high school academic courses, upgrading, skills training, recreational programs, and personal interest courses. Contact your local school board for more information.

High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

The High School Graduation Diploma for Adults is a credential endorsed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and administered by the Department of Labour and Advanced Education-Adult Education Division. It meets the needs of adults who do not have a high school diploma and who wish to acquire a credential that will allow access to further education and/or employment opportunities.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the diploma the person must:

- be 19 years of age or over
- have been out of public school for one full year or more
- not have a recognized high school diploma as defined and approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

It consists of twelve credits (6 compulsory and 6 elective credits) which must be completed. In addition, five out of the twelve credits, must be at grade 12 level. The credits are as follows:

Six compulsory credits are:

- 2 credits in English/French (Grade 11 and 12)
- 1 credit in Mathematics
- 1 credit either in Biology, Chemistry, Oceans 11, Food Science 12, Agriculture/AgriFood 11, Human Biology 11, Geology 12 or Physics
- 1 credit in either Technology, Mathematics, Science or Social Science
- 1 credit in Global History or Global Geography (Grade 12 level)

Six elective credits may include any other credits at the grade 11 or grade 12 level and/or through the Adult Learning Program Level IV credits.

In addition, prior learning gained through formal, informal and non-formal education may be recognized for credit.

Note: A person with a GED, or Academic Upgrading Level IV, or a Nova Scotia Vocational Education Certificate is eligible to enroll in tuition-free programming to work towards the High School Graduation Diploma for Adults.

The General Educational Development (GED®) is an internationally recognized high school equivalency testing program. It is a series of five tests which must all be successfully completed to be awarded a GED® certificate.

The five tests consist of:

- English Language Arts Reading
- English Language Arts Writing
- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics

To be eligible to write the GED® tests in Nova Scotia a person must:

- be 19 years of age on the date the tests are written
- have been out of the public school for a year or more
- not have a recognized high school diploma as defined and approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

For more information on High School Graduation Diploma for Adults or GED®, visit the Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning website at www.goNSSAL.ca or phone 1-877-466-7725.