



# Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult & Community Education

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT



**Let's Make it Work!**



High School Credentials • College Prep  
ESOL • Citizenship • Certificate Programs

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# WELCOME • REFERRALS & REGISTRATION

## Mission Statement

Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult & Community Education offers learning opportunities to enrich the quality of life for citizens in our community by providing programs to assist individuals in pursuing a variety of personal, educational, and vocational goals.

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Our Adult Education program is made possible through the support of RSU #23 and Saco School Department.

A warm welcome is extended to all who are making their way into the promising world of adult education.

Our program offers a variety of FREE study experiences designed to assist in developing your potential and reaching your goals. There are plenty of subjects to study and enjoy. We hope that in pursuing your immediate goals, you will also acquire an appreciation for life-long learning.



Saco Learning Center students come together from many backgrounds to further their education.

## Register for Classes

Get started by calling to make an appointment with our Student Services Coordinator who will review your educational records to help you identify your goals. Bring your social security number and any documentation from previous schooling or testing (including transcripts). This helps us determine your available credits and assess what you need to complete our graduation requirements. Credits from your previous high school count toward an Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult Education high school credential.



Students really do enjoy our learning environment.

# HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

## High School Diploma

A high school diploma is awarded to students completing course requirements in the adult education diploma program. Classes are FREE and open to students 17 years of age or older who are not enrolled in regular high school.

Classes are offered regularly to ensure that students can easily complete their diploma. Upon enrollment, a study plan is developed for each student which includes an assessment of the credits earned from previous schooling and an outline of the courses and credits required to earn their diploma.

A total of twenty-two (22) course credits are required for an adult education high school diploma.

## Earn Your High School Equivalency Diploma

The HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) exams are your pathway to earning a Maine high school equivalency diploma. Passing the HiSET is a first step toward a better job or additional training.

The HiSET covers reading, writing, math, social studies, and science. Upon successful completion of testing, a student is awarded a Maine high school equivalency diploma.

Acquiring your HiSET is FREE and an option for anyone 18 years of age or older or 17 and has not been enrolled in high school for a year or more.

## HiSET Orientation Sessions

Our FREE orientation sessions provide an overview of the HiSET and an opportunity to take practice tests to assess academic ability and place students in the appropriate classes, if necessary. We have a variety of classes to improve your skills and help you pass the HiSET tests. Once the practice tests are passed, a student can be scheduled for the HiSET exam.

You CAN be one of our graduates!



Two very happy graduates!

*"The Learning Center has been a really good experience. School has turned out better than I expected. The teachers seem to be in a good mood all the time. We have field trips that help us look forward to things..."*

*-Jessica Stetson*



Adult Education graduates celebrate their success at their graduation ceremony.

# ESSENTIAL SKILLS MATH, READING, WRITING



English language students enjoy their classes at the Saco Learning Center.

Courses in essential skills help students refresh and increase basic academic skills. Learn English, improve reading comprehension, practice writing, develop practical math skills, and nurture other life-skills toward the goal of completing high school, helping children with homework, or preparing for college or a new job.

Courses are FREE and classes are small, to ensure individualized attention. Volunteer tutors may be contacted to assist new readers. Make an appointment with our Student Services Coordinator and get started today! Call (207)282-3846.

*"This is nearly the first time in about 8 years I've felt successful. Recently, I brought my grades at my old school from F's and D's to almost straight A's. This school is by far the best school out there, academically and socially. I will miss it when I leave."*  
-John Ramsay

## LEARN ENGLISH!

Instruction in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is available to improve conversation, reading, and writing skills. Students may work in a small group setting or join other reading and writing classes.

## BECOME A US CITIZEN

Study history, government, discuss rights and responsibilities, and prepare for the citizenship exam.

## CAREER & VOCATIONAL COUNSELING

We offer FREE career and job search services and workshops, including the "Career Interest Inventory" to help assess skills and interests and match them with potential career paths.



Small classes ensure the individual attention students need.



# ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Alternative Education students pursue these basic goals:

- Earn a high school diploma
- Learn about career opportunities and improve employment skills

## Program Overview

**M/W:** Academic classes integrate Alternative Ed students into regular adult education courses.

**T/Th:** Students work together in a variety of group and enrichment activities, including field trips.

## Program Features

Career exploration  
College preparation  
Individualized education plans  
Life-skills exercises  
Small group setting to develop academic, personal, and social skills  
Special field trips

## Who would benefit?

Students between 16 and 20 yrs of age  
Hands-on learners  
Those motivated to learn in an environment tailored to their needs  
Students who have not experienced sustained success in regular high school  
Those that prefer small groups and individual learning approaches

## Application Process

Ask your Guidance Counselor for an application and referral. Once applications are received by our program, your interview will be scheduled. Applications are accepted throughout the academic year, when space is available.



Learning Center students exploring teamwork on a Ropes Course adventure

*"The environment makes you feel comfortable and stable. If you put all you can into this program to get what you want you will come up on top no matter what. Being here has made me see that I can do it for me and nobody else. I've accomplished so much just by knowing I can do it."*

*- Candace Strout*



Our students have success in groups and as individuals.

# COLLEGE PREPARATION



College? YES! We can help you make the transition!

"I can not tell you how valuable the learning I received from the College Readiness Program is! If it weren't for that program, I would already be struggling in English and math (at SMCC). Because of those classes, I am #1 in my algebra class, and I just got my first essay back, and earned 100%! I have recommended this program to a few people, and I will continue to do so."  
-Kristen Tuggle

The ability to acquire knowledge and skills plays a significant role in one's success and quality of life. The more you learn, the more you earn.

Take individual classes to prepare for college, OR... check out our College Readiness Program.

## College Preparation • Classes & Workshops

Courses focus on refining skills in the essential areas of reading comprehension, writing skills, and math applications.

**Financial Aid Workshop:** An overview of college finances and completion of Federal Student Aid forms (FAFSA).

**Accuplacer Testing:** Evaluate strengths and weaknesses in math and English. Accuplacer scores are required when entering a community college. Results are discussed with our Student Services Coordinator to identify classes that will help prepare students for college.

## College Readiness Program

This fast-track program is for adults who need to increase their academic skills and Accuplacer scores to be placed into college-level classes.

**College Readiness Orientation:** Learn more at one of our pre-semester FREE information sessions. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

**Next College Readiness Session:** One day a week for 14 weeks. You may choose which classes will best support your college preparation. Classes run September through December or January through May.

**College Readiness Includes:** Career exploration, college survival, college writing, reading, math, information technology, and plenty of support for successful completion of your classes.

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Our Certificate Programs vary each semester. We try to provide courses that are relevant and address the needs of our community. Check back for new certificate options or career exploration opportunities.

Here are some of your options:

**Pharmacology Technician  
and FREE Info Session**

**Veterinary Technician**

**CPR & First Aid**

**Substitute Teacher Training**

**Clinical Medical Assistant and  
FREE Info Session**

**Optician Program and FREE  
Info Session**

**Information Technology**

We offer a variety of computer classes:

MS Word, Email, Excel, QuickBooks,  
Adobe Photoshop, Computer Basics and  
Beyond, Basic Web Design and much  
more!

**Refer a Client to Adult Education**

Many agencies have clients who want to improve their skills. A caseworker or student may call for an intake appointment. After the intake is completed, we mail the agency the student's class schedule and costs. The agency then sends us authorization, accepting the financial responsibility of the student's educational plan. Now that's easy!

**For more information or to register call  
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Small classes with teachers who can give students a hands-on learning experience.

*"If you are  
interested in  
becoming a  
substitute teacher,  
this course is  
a must!"  
-Michael Bierley,*

## Free Certificate Program Information Sessions

Discuss course prerequisites, materials, costs, and all requirements for certificate completion.

Bring your questions, meet your teachers and find out what these opportunities can offer you.

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***TECHNICIAN, PHARMACOLOGY,***

***OPTICIAN, SUBSTITUTE TEACHING,***

***FIRST AID & MORE!***