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GED Test Preparation Information
Frequently Asked Questions

GED—PREP FOR THE TEST
Nassau Community College offers classes in several areas to brush-up on skills and content knowledge needed for the GED test. Please call our Lifelong Learning Department at 516.572.7472 or go online to www.ncc.edu/ged

If you feel you need more intensive preparation, there is a list of GED Preparation Programs on the State website: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged.

Additional Information and sample GED questions may be found at www.acenet.edu (select the GED icon).

Visit your local library to see what videos or review materials are available.

Did you know?
One in 20 college freshmen holds a high school credential earned by taking and passing the General Equivalency Degree (GED) tests.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the GED test?
When candidates pass the General Educational Development test (GED) they receive a diploma that is equivalent to a high school diploma. Employers, as well as admissions offices in colleges and universities accept the GED certificate or diploma as they would a high school diploma. The GED test matches a high school curriculum and covers reading, writing, social studies, science and math.

Can anyone take the GED?
If you have not graduated from a high school in the United States, you are a New York State resident and 19 years of age on the day of testing, you can register for the test using the proper documentation:
• If you have been out of school for one full year (attachment B and application)
• If you are a member of a high school class that has already graduated (attachment B and application)
• If you are enrolled in an approved high school equivalency prep program (AHSEP) (attachment C and application)
• If you have been home schooled (attachment B and application)

Find out More...
For more information on New York eligibility requirements, listings for test sites, or to download and print an application visit www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged or call the NY State GED hotline at 518.474.5906.

How long is the test?
Typically, it takes two days to complete the approximately seven hours of testing. Testing candidates must arrive on time, with their identification, registration confirmation, a pen and a pencil. Please note: You will not be admitted to the testing room if you are late.

What do I need to pass?
To receive a “passing score,” candidates must earn a total of 2250 points and have scored a minimum of 410 points in EACH of the five subject parts of the GED. Test results are expressed as standard scores ranging from 200 - 800 per subject area. If you pass, your diploma will be sent with the score report. It usually takes 4-6 weeks to receive your score report from Albany.

SAVE YOUR SCORE REPORT!

What happens after I send in my application?
After we receive your application we will register you for the next available test date. You will receive notification that you are registered and information about acceptable forms of identification. Before testing you will be required to show two forms of ID. One must be a valid, government issued photo ID such as a driver’s license or a DMV non-driver’s ID or a passport. If you do not have a valid ID, apply for it now so you have it in time for your test date. You will not be able to test without approved identification.

FOR RETESTERS “I did not pass, what do I do now?”
• All retesters must send in a new application, with a copy of the score report.
• If you did not pass and scored over 2250, you only need to retake the section you did poorly on.
• You need a minimum score of 410 on all sections, plus an additional 200 points on any single or combination of subject area tests. We recommend that you take the section you did not pass plus additional sections, in an effort to raise your total score above passing. Only your highest test scores from initial and retest will be counted. Remember, you need to do better than just pass with a score of 410 per subject. The total minimum score you need is 2250.
• Your score report will show when you can retest. You must wait a minimum of sixty days between test sessions when retesting regardless of where you get tested. You may not test more than three times in a twelve month period. A new application is required each time you test.
• Each test form has a 2-letter code (e.g., ID, U, IK, etc.) You may not retest on a form you have previously taken. Your score report will show the codes from your previous tests. Bring your most recent score report when you retest.
• If you have lost your score report, call the GED hotline at 518.474.5906

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KNOW WHICH TEST FORM YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN.

ABLE TO BENEFIT
24 CREDIT PROGRAM
The 24-credit, Ability to Benefit Program (ATB) at NCC allows students to take college classes that count towards a GED AND a college degree. Students must be 18 years of age or older, be one year past the date from when they would have graduated from high school and have a genuine desire to obtain a college degree.

Students complete college credits in a variety of areas including math, humanities, English language arts, social science and natural science. Academic advisors will be available to help with course selection.

Once the student has completed the appropriate 24 credits, the student must apply to Albany to receive their GED, issued on the basis of those college credits. The college credits will then also apply to their degree program.

Students must attend an informational meeting, offered monthly, about this program. All the details of the program will be discussed at the meeting including the application process, cost, length of time to complete, courses needed as well as testing information.

For further information about the Ability to Benefit Program visit www.ncc.edu/ged

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