



# NORWICH REGIONAL Adult Education

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

**2021-2022 Adult Education Programs**

**Onsite locations in Norwich, Stonington, and East Lyme.**

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**Registration will  
start in August.  
Call for an  
Appointment!**

**High School Completion Programs - Adult Basic Education (ABE)/GED Prep -  
Citizenship Preparation - English as a Second Language - Workforce Readiness -  
Continuing Education and Enrichment**

**Call us at [860.823.4299](tel:860.823.4299)**

**Visit us at**

**<https://www.norwichpublicschools.org/norwich-regional-adult-education>  
for a complete list of programs and descriptions.**

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## Welcome to Norwich Regional Adult Education

Tired of being stuck in the house? It's time to get out and go back to school! Whether you want to earn your high school diploma, improve your job skills, learn English, or just learn something new. We have a variety of options to fit your needs! Take a look at what we have to offer!

### General Information

- ◆ We offer mandated programs at no cost to the residents of the school districts of Bozrah, East Lyme, Franklin, Ledyard, Lisbon, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, and Voluntown.
- ◆ All programs are for adults 17 and older.
- ◆ Most classes will be held in person, however some remote options will be available.
- ◆ All students must complete a registration process, including a placement test in reading and math. Students will need to show a photo ID and proof of residency as part of the registration process.



**For more information about our programs, visit our website at:**

<https://www.norwichpublicschools.org/norwich-regional-adult-education>

Norwich Regional Adult Education (NRAE) is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability, or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal laws. Inquiries regarding NRAE's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to our lead School Counselor, 860-823-4299.

All activities offered by NRAE are held in accessible locations. Accommodations for individuals with a disability are available upon request. Please contact our lead School Counselor 860-823-4299. NRAE is in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-73a and does not charge fees for registration, textbooks, or materials used in mandated program areas.

Accommodations for the GED® test are available for qualified individuals with a disability. For more information, contact our GED Test Coordinator, 860-823-4299. You may also contact Sabrina Mancini at the Connecticut State Department of Education at 860-807-2110.

Our state-mandated Academic Programs are offered to residents of Norwich and the 11 surrounding school districts that comprise Norwich Regional Adult Education. Adult Education is supported by local Boards of Education as well as state and federal grants.



# Registration

**Registration starting in August for Fall Classes!**

**Call to schedule an appointment!**

**860-823-4299**

To register, please bring with you:

**Photo identification** (driver's license, passport, etc.)

**Proof of residency** (a piece of your mail with your current address and a recent postmark date)

**Your social security number** (if you have had one issued to you)

**High school transcript** (if entering high school program)

**Official High School Withdrawal** (if 17 or 18 years of age)

As part of the registration process, you will also need to take a **placement test** and talk with the school counselor or program leader. The placement test will include:

- Reading (ESL, CDP, GED) 60—75 minutes
- Math (CDP, GED) 60—75 minutes



# Come Earn Your High School Diploma!

## We have three ways!

### Find the program that's right for you!

# 1



#### ***Adult High School Credit Diploma Program (CDP)***

This program is designed for adults who want to complete credits toward their high school diploma. Credits may be transferred into the diploma program from any accredited high school. In addition to credits received for academic courses, additional credits may be awarded for: independent study projects, online learning, military experience, specialized skills, and occupational experience. The School Counselor will help you explore options to determine a course of study. A minimum of 23 credits is required to earn a high school diploma. Of these 23 credits, a minimum of 2 credits must be earned through Norwich Adult Education. Some of our exciting course offerings include:

- ◆ *Senior Seminar*—preparation for college and career for all seniors
- ◆ *Computer Skills*—including Northstar Digital Literacy Certification
- ◆ *Medical and Health Careers*—including Caregiver Companion and Home Health Aide Certification Programs
- ◆ *Multicultural History*—a history course *which* emphasizes the perspectives of various cultural groups



“Before I came to Norwich Adult Ed, I was pretty skeptical at first. I had my four classes during the day and all my teachers are amazing. From first period to last period they all take their time to sit with you and work with you if you need the help . . . If anything, I feel like we’re a little family here. We all get along. We come in, we have a goal to succeed and we all work together to do that.” - *Alexander Velasquez, 2021 CDP*

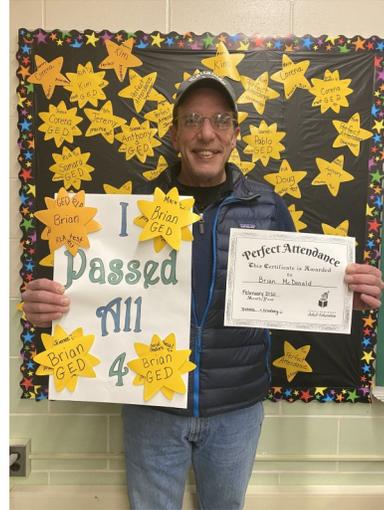
## 2



### **General Education Development Program (GED®)**

These classes are designed for adult learners who test on high school level skills on a four-part, computer-based exam. Solid reading skills are required to pass the exam, but the classwork will provide review of required competencies. Classes are offered to prepare you to take the GED® Exam. Individualized classroom instruction is provided in English, Social Studies, Math, Literature, and Science to review for the seven and a half hour high school equivalency examination. ABE (Adult Basic Education) and pre-GED® courses are also available for students needing additional support in basic skills. Aztec Learning System is also used. By passing four tests in the areas of *Reasoning through Language Arts*, *Mathematical Reasoning*, *Science*, and *Social Studies*, you can earn a state of CT High School Diploma.

Norwich Regional Adult Education is also a certified GED testing center.



## 3



### **National External Diploma Program® (NEDP)**



This program does not count credits nor test scores. This individualized, computer-based program allows you to attain a local diploma through life and work experiences. Students work independently to complete a series of tasks and will meet weekly with an assessor to demonstrate progress. You will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate your mastery of academic skills in core subject areas. NEDP® is a program designed for individuals that can work independently. It's possible that it can be completed in 6-12 months, although there is no time limit. The program features flexibility and confidentiality. This program can be delivered at any of our sites (Norwich, Stonington, East Lyme or American Job Center) or remotely for your convenience. A Chromebook lending program is available.

Find out more on the National website : <http://www.casas.org/nedp>

## **English Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)**



### **English as a Second Language**

Students work to improve their reading, writing, speaking, and understanding of English. Classes are offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Based on assessment results, students are assigned to one of five leveled classes (pre-literacy, literacy, beginning, intermediate, and advanced). Class content includes reading, writing, speaking, and listening in the context of: employment, digital literacy, communication, citizenship, and more. Regular attendance is required. You can improve your English then transition into a High School Completion Program.

### **Families Learning English**

This program is for families with children. Parents will work to improve their English speaking, understanding, and writing while children (aged 2—8 years) take part in fun activities and receive homework help. Childcare is provided. Each week families will come together for special activities! This program is held at Madonna Place, and after school at Uncas School, Bishop School, Wequonnoc School, and Stanton School (in collaboration with the Family Resource Center).



## **Citizenship Preparation**



Class content includes American history and government, practice with the 100 naturalization questions, civic participation, coaching for the USCIS interview and review of the N-400 application. Students must register and be assessed to determine instructional level.

**Prepare for the oral and written citizenship exam with this online Citizenship Preparation Class.**

## Continuing Education and Enrichment Program

Coming this Fall!

Check out our online catalog for classes involving:

- Business and Career
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Literacy
- Language and Culture
- Arts and Crafts
- Financial Literacy
- Health and Wellness
- Fitness

Our new Continuing Education catalog will be available online in September for classes beginning in October.

For complete descriptions of our Continuing Education classes, please visit us online at Coursestorm;

<https://norwichadulthood.coursestorm.com/>

*Unless otherwise noted,  
classes will be held in person  
at Teachers' Memorial Global  
Studies Magnet Middle School  
in Norwich.*





## *We're Here When You Need Us...*

- Program locations in Norwich, East Lyme, and Stonington
- Day and Evening Classes available
- Remote learning available for specific programs
- Mandated programs free for residents of the following school districts:  
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