



Learning for Better Living

Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult & Community Education

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

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EDUCATE

GO PLACES

**High School Credentials • College & Career Prep
ESOL • Citizenship • Professional Development**

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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.



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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 enjoy our learning environment.



HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION (YOUTH & ADULT)

High School Diploma

A high school diploma is awarded to students completing course requirements in the diploma program. Classes are FREE and open to students 17 years of age or older. Our Youth Program are students ages 17 to 20 and our Adult Program serves students 20 and older.

Regularly offered classes ensure students can complete their diploma. A study plan is developed for each student which includes an assessment of credits earned from previous schooling and an outline of the courses and credits required to earn their diploma.

A total of twenty-two (22) credits are required to earn 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 17 years of age or older.

HiSET Orientation & Pre-testing 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 when 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 too CAN be one of our graduates!



Adult Education graduates celebrate their success at their graduation ceremony.

"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



There are many approaches to learning.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ADULTS



English language students enjoying class at the Saco Learning Center.

MATH, READING & WRITING

Courses in essentials 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. Make an appointment with our Student Services Coordinator and get started today! Call or text (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 to 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 & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Alternative Education & Youth Program students pursue these basic goals:

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

Program Overview

Alternative Education and Youth Program students are integrated together to work on completing their high school diploma in a small group, hands-on setting.

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 16 to 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

Alternative Education: Students who are currently enrolled at either Thornton Academy or Old Orchard Beach High School may 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.

Youth Program: Call the Saco Learning Center at (207) 282-3846 to set up an intake interview with our Student Services Coordinator.



Learning Center students exploring teamwork on a river trip 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 & CAREER PREPARATION



College? YES!

We can help you
make the transition!

*"I knew
I wanted to be
successful
in college
and by taking
the Maine College &
Career Access classes,
I was able to prove
to myself that I could
be successful in
college.*

*I am glad I chose
this program
as my first
step up the ladder."*

*- Fatima Jabor
MCCA student, 2019*

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 Maine College & Career Access Program.

College Preparation • Classes & Workshops

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

Financial Aid: 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.

Maine College & Career Access (MCCA)

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

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

MCCA Sessions: Choose the best courses to support your college preparation and meet one day a week for 14 weeks. Classes run September through December or January through May.

MCCA Includes: Career decision-making, 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:

CPR & First Aid

Substitute Teacher Training

Certified Residential Medication Aid (CRMA)

Notary Public

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 to register for a vocational or enrichment class with the caseworker and agency's contact information. We then mail the class schedule and costs to the caseworker and student. The agency then sends us a financial authorization and we send an invoice. Now that's easy!

For more information or to register call (207) 934-7922 or visit:

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Let us help you get your hat on straight!

For more information visit www.oobsaco.maineadulted.org/Academics



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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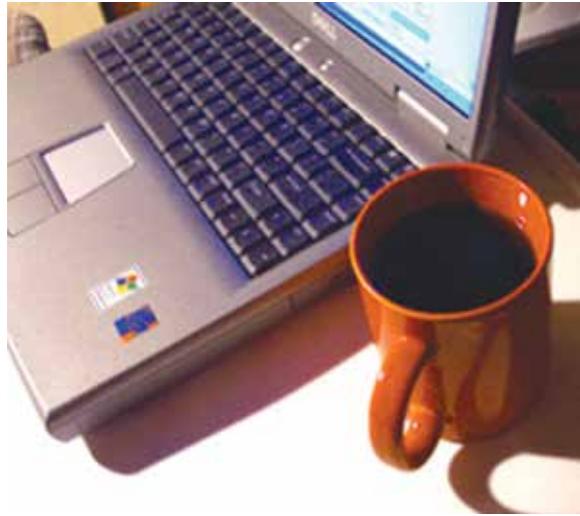
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COLLEGE PREP

MAINE COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS PROGRAM

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



CERTIFICATES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL MEDICATION AID, SUBSTITUTE TEACHING, NOTARY PUBLIC, CPR & FIRST AID & MORE!



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