GED (TxCHSE) Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: What services are offered for adult education student?

A: Adult education classes are for students ages 17 or older who have not completed high school. These classes are designed to upgrade basic skills in reading, writing, and math. Below are the requirements for special circumstances. Adult Education services includes General Educational Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) preparation. GED classes are designed to upgrade skills in reading, writing, math, social studies, and science in preparation for the GED exam. ESL instruction is provided to persons who speak little or no English. Students are taught listening comprehension and speaking skills as well as reading comprehension and writing. Classes are offered through face-to-face and/or online instruction. Other specialized classes including Transition and Career Pathways are also offered. Students are screened to determine eligibility for these special classes.

We are constantly adding to our current course catalog, so please contact us for a full list of our current courses.

Q: How do I get started?

A: Complete the following steps to register for the GED program:

- 1) Create and activate an account at http://odessa.myoneflow.com.
- 2) To activate your account, please check your email including spam/junk mail.
- 3) Log in to your account and complete the Registration Form
- 4) Sign the Registration Form
- 5) Upload the Necessary Documents:

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19 Yrs. & over	Driver's License/ID & Social Security Card
18 Yrs.	Driver's License/ID, Social Security Card, School Withdrawal Form
17 Yrs.	Driver's License/ID, Social Security Card, School Withdrawal Form, Birth Certificate, and one of the following: a) Parental Permission Letter & Parental ID or Statement of Self-Attestation
16 Yrs.	Driver's License/ID, Social Security Card, School Withdrawal Form, Birth Certificate, Court Order with mandated GED classes, and one of the following: a) Parental Permission Letter & Parental ID or Statement of Self-Attestation

6) Register for the (GED) TABE Baseline Assessment under the Events tab.

Q: What is the cost of enrolling in GED classes?

A: Our classes and course material are offered completely **FREE**.

Q: How do I submit my documents?

A: You can take a picture of your documents and upload them through your phone into your OneFlow Account. If you have difficulty with this step, you may come in person to the Odessa College Wrangler Express and we can assist you on uploading your documents.

Q: What if I don't have all the documentation?

A: You must have <u>ALL</u> documentation to complete registration. Please refer to the chart above for the required documents or contact us.

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Q: Can I attend classes even if I didn't register?

A: No. Enrollment is limited to those persons who complete registration, testing, and orientation before the start of each session. You must complete all the steps required before beginning classes (Refer to Question 2 to review these steps).

Q: Are GED classes being offered online or in person?

A: Students will have the option to choose virtual or face-to-face classes. You will be given the option to choose once you attend orientation.

Q: What time of day are classes offered?

A: You can choose between morning and evening classes. Most morning classes begin at 9 a.m. Most evening classes begin at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. We offer a variety of schedules to try to accommodate most students so the number of days you will attend classes during the week will depend on the type of learning you choose (virtual or face-to-face).

Q: How are students placed into a class?

A: Students take an initial placement assessment called the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) which measures student academic level in three areas: language arts, mathematics, and reading. There is no passing or failing score for students taking the TABE as it is a placement assessment that assists in determining which classes each student should take to best meet their individual learning needs. After 40 hours instruction, students are progress tested and advised on next steps.

Q: Do I have to come to class every day?

A: It is expected that you come to class every day that class is in session. All students must maintain a minimum of 75 percent attendance per week. Attendance lower than 75 percent puts you at risk of being dropped from the program. If you are unable to attend class, it is expected that you contact your instructor before class begins.

Q. How many exams do I need to take to earn my GED?

A. The GED consists of four separate exams consisting of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Q. How much do exams cost?

A. In total \$145.00 and each individual exam costs \$36.25.

Q. Am I required to sign up for classes to take the GED exam?

A. No. You can go to www.ged.com, set up an account, answer a few questions and start with the practice exam. Choose 'Odessa College' as your testing site and they will have a calendar with dates available for you to test.