

Northwest Iowa Community College's High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) Program Overview

Orientation

Sign up for and attend an orientation session by calling 712-631-5657. During orientation you will learn more about NCC's High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) program, take assessments in math and reading (CASAS), and register for class.

Class

Each class meets for 6 hours a week for 9 weeks. Class attendance is mandatory; you must not miss more than 6 hours of class per 9-week session. Once you have completed a 9-week session, you will take the CASAS assessment to see how your skills have improved. Students will then re-enroll in another session. Earning your diploma is a process that requires continuous classes, studying, and testing. Some students will earn their diploma in as little as six months while other students take a few years to complete the program. Once you reach the required CASAS score, you will be eligible to take the Official Practice Test in that subject.

Official Practice Test

You will need to pass the Official Practice Test (OPT) in each of the subject areas: Reading, Writing Science, Social Studies, and Math.

The Math and Writing subtests cannot be taken last.

Final Test

Passing an Official Practice Test qualifies you to take the final test in that subject area.

The HSED Specialist will assist you in creating a High School Equivalency Test (HiSET®) account & scheduling your test online. Cost for HiSET®: \$15.00 per subject; \$75.00 (all subjects).

Graduates will request their diploma and transcript by visiting www.diplomasender.com.

After you pass...

You will receive your Iowa State High School Equivalency Diploma within 6 – 8 weeks of passing all five subject tests of the HiSET® exam and ordering the diploma.

You are encouraged to walk in our NCC graduation in cap & gown!

The HSED Specialist can help you plan your future by guiding you in the college application process or helping you explore career opportunities.