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.

Contact us: 712-631-5657 OR adultliteracy@nwicc.edu OR text 712-344-2178

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