

GED Prep Courses

The College and Career Access (CCA) Department offers FIVE individualized, self-paced courses that provide upgrading in **English, Math, Science** and **Social Studies** in the grade 9 -12 range. Students take one or more courses based on what is needed to best prepare for the GED tests.

What are the GED tests?

The General Education Development (GED) tests consist of five multiple choice tests:

1. language arts - writing (includes the writing of an essay)
2. language arts - reading
3. social studies
4. science
5. mathematics

The GED is primarily a **reading** test designed to measure the skills one would normally have gained through twelve years of formal education: the ability to understand and apply information, to evaluate, analyze, and draw conclusions, and to express ideas and opinions in writing. Candidates who have passed the five tests will receive a **British Columbia Secondary School Equivalency Certificate** (in most cases, the GED certificate is accepted where a grade 12 or equivalent is required).

*The CCA department does **not** administer the official GED test. Once you have mastered all the material and passed all the practice tests, you must sign up for the GED test administered by the B.C. Ministry of Education.

What are the GED Prep courses?

GED Prep consists of the following five courses:

- **GED Prep – Language Arts – Reading (ENGL 0990)**
Course content includes comprehension, application, and analysis of popular and classical literature and commentary about literature and the arts.
- **GED Prep – Language Arts – Writing (ENSK 0990)**
Course content includes grammar, usage, sentence structure and essay writing.
- **GED Prep – Social Studies (SOSC 0990)**
Course content includes comprehension, application, analysis, and evaluation of social studies material (including history, geography, economics, political science, and behavioural science).
- **GED Prep – Science (SCIE 0990)**
Course content includes cells, reproduction, body systems, kingdoms of life, evolution, geology, climate, chemistry, physics, interpreting charts and diagrams.
- **GED Prep – Math (MATH 0990)**
Course content includes whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percentages, graphs, algebra, geometry and solving word problems.

Practice tests will help students determine when they have mastered a topic or skill. By the end of their studies, students will have the skills and strategies that give them the best opportunity for success on the GED tests.

Who is eligible to take GED Prep courses?

GED Prep courses are for students who have demonstrated through the VCC Adult Basic Education (ABE) Assessment that their reading, writing, and mathematics skills are **currently** at a grade 10 level or higher. If a student does not meet the required levels, he or she may upgrade in CCA.

When are GED Prep courses offered?

GED Prep courses are offered year-round on a continuous intake basis.

The CCA English and Math/Science classrooms are open:

September to June	Monday to Thursday	9 am - 9 pm
July & August	Monday to Wednesday or Thursday	10 am - 4 pm

Where are GED Prep courses held?

Classes are held in the CCA Department at the Broadway Campus.

- GED Prep: Math – Math/Science classroom, room 2665
- GED Prep: Language Arts; Social Studies; Science – English classroom, room 2758

How do students register for GED Prep courses?

1. Write the ABE Assessment in Reading and Writing (the CCA Department has its own Math Assessment test). For dates and times either go to the Assessment Centre at the Broadway campus, room 4027 or the website at assessments@vcc.ca.
2. After receiving the assessment results, call the CCA Department office at 604-871-7366 or come to room 2661 at VCC's Broadway Campus and make an appointment to see a CCA coordinator who will give you permission to register.

Where can I get more information about the GED?

1. Pick up a GED Information Package from Counselling & Advising Services at either the Broadway or Downtown campus.
2. Phone the VCC GED Examiner at **604-443-8611**
3. Visit the BC Ministry of Education website www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ged