Adult Basic Education Online Orientation

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What We Do? Basic Studies Department

Improve your reading, writing and math skills.

• Adult Basic Education (ABE)
• English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
• General Education Development (GED) preparation classes
• High School+ Diploma (HS+) for individuals 18 & older
• Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) – team teaching.
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• **Virtual Assistance Lobby & Office Hours**
  ➢ Monday – Thursday from 8:30am 3:30pm
  ➢ [http://zoom.us/j/95662891776](http://zoom.us/j/95662891776)

• **Bremerton:** Phone: 360-475-7550  Location: Bldg. 4, room 223

• **Shelton:** Phone: 360-432-5435  Location: Bldg. S-4

• **Official College Communication** – Can be found on the Olympic College Web Site
  ➢ [www.olympic.edu](http://www.olympic.edu)
Agenda: Orientation Overview

• High School+ (HS+) Diploma
• General Education Development (GED)
  ➢ Olympic College provides classes to prepare for online exams through www.GED.com
• Class Registration and cost
• Technology Resources
• Student Loaner Laptop & Mobile Hotspots
• Technology Refresher – Strongly Recommended
  ➢ Review Technology Accounts
• College Resources.
Question?

How much in lifetime earnings does an associate’s degree improve high school graduates employment and earnings potential?

• A: $200,150
• B: $317,000
• C: $423,000
• D: $750,650

What do you think? A, B, C or D?

This information was provided by: https://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/college-costs-tuition-and-financial-aid/publicvalues/employment-earnings.html#:~:text=Today%2C%20Millennials%20with%20a%20high,typical%20college%20graduate%20earns.&text=In%202019%2C%20median%20income%20for,earnings%20are%20%2430%2C000%20a%20year.
Correct Answer: C = $423,000 in a lifetime
What does that mean? The projected earnings improve for individuals with some additional training or college beyond high school.

- Some College ($243,000)
- Associate’s Degree ($180,000)
- Bachelor’s Degree ($541,000)
- Advanced Degree ($403,000)

➢ Combined difference in lifetime earnings: $1,367,000

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ABE Classes

• Classes offered quarterly – 10 week sessions, except for summer quarter at 8 weeks
  ➢ **Summer:** July – mid August
  ➢ **Winter:** January – mid March
  ➢ **Fall:** Late September – December
  ➢ **Spring:** April – mid June

• Schedule: Classes are offered morning, afternoon and evening
  ➢ Note: Classes, days, times & locations will vary each quarter

• **Classes are all Online**
  ➢ Due to COVID-19, until further notice

• In person class sites: Bremerton and Shelton.
What Classes are Offered?

• English
  ➢ Fundamentals of Reading & Writing, Transitions Reading & Writing

• History
  ➢ Contemporary World Problems, U.S. History

• Math
  ➢ Arithmetic, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

• Science
  ➢ Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science

• Portfolio classes include:
  ➢ Art, Civics, Health, Contemporary World Problems/History, Occupational Education, Physical Education, U.S. History
High School+ Diploma

• Opportunity to complete your high school diploma by earning credits for Basic Studies classes

• Good option for people missing only a few credits or with extensive life, work, and military experience for which credit may be granted

• Must be 18 years of age or older

• Official high school transcripts are required. **DO NOT OPEN!** Order transcripts from your high school or online at:
  ➢ [https://www.parchment.com/](https://www.parchment.com/)

• Possible to earn 0-3 High School credits per quarter based on attendance, participation, and completion work/assignments.
High School+ Diploma (continued)

Contact the Basic Studies Department when you receive your transcript(s). The Student Success Coach will evaluate your transcript(s) to help you schedule classes and prepare an education plan.

Note: Acceptance of class credits may vary depending on the state you attended school.

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GED Exams (2014 and beyond)

• Four (4) computer based online exams. Sign up and receive scores at: www.ged.com. Classes can help determine readiness.
  ➢ Contact OC Testing Center for GED testing updates at: 360-475-7238; testingcenter@olympic.edu

• Basic technology skills are important: mouse operation, drag and drop, copy and paste, etc.

• Keyboarding: minimum of 20 words per minute to finish comfortably, within time limits

• Resources
  ➢ www.gcflearnfree.org
  ➢ www.typing.com
Cost of GED Exams

- Cost is $30 per exam, pay as you go ($120 total)
- Retake; total of 3 times with no waiting period
- After 3 times must wait 60 days
- Cost of retake exam, $10 (contact OC Testing Center)
- In Washington you can take the exam in Spanish
- Each exam scored individually; must have 145 passing score
- Payment resources may be available when you are ready to take the exams. (Contact the Basic Studies Department for additional information).
Reasoning Through Language Arts Exam

- Three (3) sections
  - 150 minutes (includes 10 minute break between parts 2 & 3)
  - Includes one (1) essay (45 minutes)
  - Analyze a written passage and develop an argument based on evidence from the passage

- Measures your ability to read closely, write clearly, understand, interpret, and answer questions about a text

- Understand basic English skills at a level needed to succeed in college or on the job.
Social Studies Exam

• One (1) part
  ➢ 70 minutes with no breaks

• Can use a TI-30XS calculator

• Measures your ability to read, understand, and interpret social studies related texts

• 50% Civics and Government, 20% US History, 15% Geography, 15% Economics.
Science Exam

• One (1) part
  ➢ 90 minutes with no breaks
  ➢ Includes two (2) short answer questions; approx. 10 minutes each to answer each question

• Can use TI-30XS calculator

• Measures your ability to read, understand, and interpret science related texts

• 40% Life Science, 40% Physical Science, 20% Earth and Space Science.
Mathematical Reasoning Exam

• Two (2) parts
  ➢ 120 minutes with a short break
  ➢ No calculator on part one (1)
  ➢ Can use TI-30XS for remaining questions

• Math formulas and a calculator reference guide are provided

• Measures your ability to solve quantitative problems (45%) and algebra problems (55%).
Class Registration

• You will register for classes after completing the Orientation

• Picture Identification (ID) is required for registration

• Cost: $25 per quarter; waiver available if you qualify

• Payments through Cashier’s Office
  ➢ 360-475-7181
  ➢ webpayment@olympic.edu;
  ➢ cashieroffice@olympic.edu
Technology Resources

• Technology Accounts (see handout)
  ➢ ctcLink Activation: Student Self-Service Portal to Your College Resources
  ➢ Student Email: Official communication tool for Olympic College
  ➢ Canvas: Learning Management System used by Faculty to Support Teaching

• Loaner Laptop & Mobile Hotspots — Free!
  (*Note: Depending on availability)
Attendance

• Your attendance is important to your improvement and success

• Please contact your teacher directly or call the main office before the start of the class if you cannot attend

• If you miss more than three (3) classes in a row and have not contacted your teacher or the office, you may be dropped from the class

• If you are going to be moving or leaving the class before the last day, you MUST tell your teacher at least two (2) weeks before you leave.
Learning Support Resources

See a list of online/virtual assistance office hours at: https://www.olympic.edu/services/virtual-assistance-during-covid-19

• Access Services: 360-475-7540; accessservices@olympic.edu

• Computer Lab: 360-475-7600; helpdesk@olympic.edu; https://www.olympic.edu/services/computer-labs/open-lab-hours (*NOTE: You must make a reservation before coming to campus)

• Library: 360-475-7250; librarians@olympic.edu

• Tutoring: 360-475-7765; nhays@olympic.edu
  ➢ eTutoring Website: www.etutoringonline.org

• Writing Center: 360-475-7250; nhays@olympic.edu
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Possible Funding Resources

• Workforce Development Funds (ABAWD, BFET, Worker Retraining, WorkFirst etc.)

➢ Workforce Development Funds or
https://olympic.instructure.com/courses/2004540/pages/workforce-development-funds
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- **Campus Security;** 360-475-7800; securityofficers@olympic.edu
  - Parking permit, student identification card, escort on campus, vehicle unlock & jump start, lost and found, security concerns

- **Career Center:** 360-475-7480; careercenter@olympic.edu
  - Employment resources, resume and interview assistance, internships

- **Cashier’s Office:** 360-475-7181; webpayment@olympic.edu; cashieroffice@olympic.edu

- **Child Care:** 360-475-7190;

- **Counseling Services:** 360-475-7230; counselingfaculty@olympic.edu
  - Personal and career counseling, academic advising
College Resources (continued)

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- **Distance Learning:** 360-475-7770; sos@olympic.edu
- **Fitness Center @ OCB:** 360-475-7227
- **Information Technology:** 360-475-7600
  - Loaner Laptop (Make request with office staff or faculty)
  - Mobile Hotspot (Student must request at this web link after notification of your class registration)
    https://olympic0.sharepoint.com/sites/OCEExternal/IT/support/SitePages/OC-IT-EQUIPMENT-CHECK-OUT-PROGRAM.aspx?CT=1598309856355&OR=OWA-NT&CID=d5f3df52-15bf-e50f-ae63-615e9d4f8b0c

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- **Military & Veterans Programs**: 360-473-2821; mvp@olympic.edu
- **Multicultural Services**: 360-475-7441; multicultural@olympic.edu
  ➢ Cultural, educational, social, and recreational activities
- **Sheryl McKinley Food Bank**: foodbank@olympic.edu
- **Students in Need Group (SING)**: 360-574-6817; SING@olympic.edu
  ➢ Information, resources, or referrals (e.g. food, housing, emergencies)
- **Testing Center**: 360-475-7238; testingcenter@olympic.edu
Looking Ahead…

Done!
You have completed your GED or High School+ diploma

Professional/Technical Programs
Certificate or 2 year ATA degree options:
Examples: Business Management, Computer Information Systems, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Welding

Take the Accuplacer test for placement in Math and English,
Apply for Financial Aid
www.fafsa.ed.gov

• 2 Year Transfer Degree-
  Associate in Arts (AA) or Science (AS)
• 4 Year Applied Science Bachelor Degree Options offered by OC:
  Digital Filmmaking, Information Systems, Organizational Leadership & Technical Management and Nursing
You’re Ready for Class!

• Learn to Navigate CANVAS, Zoom etc.

• Use the OC college resources

• Be prepared for class:
  ➢ Paper/notebook, pen or pencil, binder to organize your class materials and handouts
  ➢ Access to a computer, Internet/WiFi
  ➢ Attendance and regular communication with faculty
  ➢ Establish a consistent study schedule.
Dreams…

So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.

Christopher Reeve
And Remember...
To Have Fun!