

ADULT-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

Ohio Options for Adults: Aspire & Adult Diploma Program

The Ohio Options Programs offer free classes for adults who need help acquiring the skills to be successful in college, training or employment. Ohio Options is comprised of the Aspire and the Adult Diploma Program.

The Aspire program offers classes to:

- Improve Academic Skills
- Prepare students for the workforce
- Assist with HSE (High School Equivalency) test preparation
- Prepare adults to earn a High School Diploma from the Adult Diploma Program
- Improve English for Speakers of Other Languages (ELL/ESOL)
- Prepare for a job, college or training

We offer morning and evening classes at Cuyahoga Community College's Eastern, Western, Westshore, Corporate College West, and Metropolitan Campuses as well as many other locations within Cuyahoga County. The program is for adults age 16 and older whose skills are below a 12th grade level.

The Adult Diploma Program offers adults, age 22 and older, an opportunity to earn a high school diploma. The program includes career advisement, a national career readiness certificate and preparation for in-demand careers in Northeast Ohio that require a high school diploma. Participants complete their Ohio high school diploma requirements by participating in a competency-based learning program that demonstrates a mastery of skills to prepare them for in-demand career fields such as healthcare, manufacturing, logistics and construction. There is no cost to participants except time and commitment.

In order to enroll in the Adult Diploma Program, you must go through an Ohio Options Orientation. During the orientation, you will take an assessment to see if you qualify for this program. If your scores need improvement, then you will enter Aspire classes until your assessment scores qualify for the Adult Diploma Program.

For more information or to register, visit www.tri-c.edu/OhioOptions or call:

- Metropolitan Campus: 216-987-3029
- Eastern Campus: 216-987-2135
- Eastern Suburbs and Cleveland East: 216-371-7138 or Euclid only 216-261-5006
- Western Suburbs and Cleveland West: 216-529-4240

Inter-Faith Community Service Initiative

The goal of this College-wide initiative is to provide college information to faith-based institutions so they can assist parishioners and community members in achieving their academic, educational, and workforce-related aspirations.

The desired outcome of these partnerships is to strengthen connections between Cuyahoga Community College and the faith-based community. Similar programs at other colleges have recognized that individuals who

receive critical information about education and jobs in a familiar location from someone they know are more likely to enroll and focus to finish high school/GED, college, or workforce programs. Visit <http://www.tri-c.edu/community/community-services/faith-based-community-initiative.html> or call 216-987-0496 for more information.

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

The Educational Opportunity Center is a federally funded TRiO program that offers free enrollment assistance to over 1,200 Cuyahoga County adults annually. The program is open to individuals, age 18 and over, who wish to further their education. EOC advisors provide information, workshops, and services to individuals and groups.

Advisors assist participants with:

- enrolling in college, certificate, or vocational training programs
- enrolling in the Ohio Options for Adults: Adult Diploma Program or GED/Aspire Program
- offering academic and career advising
- providing college admissions information
- assisting with student loan defaults
- assisting with federal student aid and scholarship applications

The Educational Opportunity Center also provides referrals to social service and community resources. All services are available to participants at no cost to them. The Educational Opportunity Center is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and Cuyahoga Community College. Call 216-987-6305 or visit <http://www.tri-c.edu/eoc> for more information.

Women in Transition (WIT)

The Women in Transition Program is a free, non-credit course that helps adult women move their lives forward through education and training. Participants receive basic computer training, assistance with career exploration, financial literacy enrichment, personal development, and soft skills training. Upon completion, participants are equipped to continue their education, enter the workforce, understand financial aid options, and identify marketable skills and career opportunities.

Both day and evening classes are available. Two classes are held each academic semester for eight weeks on all four campuses or virtually. Summer classes may vary. For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/wit or call:

- Eastern Campus: 216-987-2272
- Metropolitan Campus: 216-987-4974
- Western Campus: 216-987-5091
- Westshore Campus: 216-987-5764

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