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"CHANGING LIVES"



For Adult Learners

GED/HiSET Preparation & Skills Building Courses (TABE)

...paving the way to achievement!

Personalized Instruction for Adult Learners

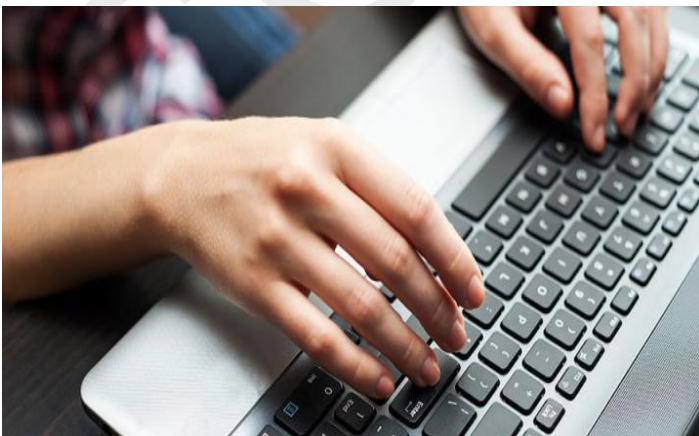
Every student embarks on his/her learning experience as an individual, with unique abilities and skillsets. Students, at YOURpath, have an advantage because we focus primarily on meeting students' individual learning

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needs. Our TABE, GED & HiSET courses are designed with the student in mind. Each student, enrolled in our program, completes a pre-assessment in each subject area. These pre-assessments are used to construct a comprehensive personalized

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learning plan that meets each student where he/she is in his/her learning development. As such, students concentrate on the areas that they need to improve. This enables them to gain the knowledge and master the required skills (in a given area) to be successful on their state's high school equivalency test.



The Benefits of Distance One-on-One Tutoring

Recently, we implemented our One-on-One tutoring sessions for students who may be struggling with their online coursework. Through these sessions, students get the benefits of working with their advisor on various concepts and skills that they may be having difficulty achieving. Students are able to review practice tests and coursework; learn new ways of approaching their coursework and get advice to progress further in their online courses.

Student of the Month!

This month we are honoring one of our students for the significant progress that she has made towards earning her high school equivalency diploma. Without hesitation, **Ms. Chhaya Cook**, a resident of Pennsylvania entered into our program in June 2018. She enrolled onto the HiSET track with a 10th grade public education. Since her enrollment into the program, she has completed a significant amount of her coursework and has shown test-readiness in two content areas: Writing (Part 1) and Social Studies. Her personal will and determination has paid off tremendously, and it is definitely evident that she will be taking her high school equivalency test very soon! To read Ms. Cook's full *inspiring* story, see page 3.



Professional Development

Last month our staff had the opportunity to attend two separate webinars hosted by the GED testing services on August 7th and 28th. These webinars were in response to students and educators' feedback from the user's research conducted by the GED testing services. The webinars centered on the new improvements made to the GED's website, student accounts, test screen, score reports and test prep. mobile app. The new improvements are intended to be more user friendly, making it easier to navigate through the website and other modules as well as making resources more accessible for users.

ONLINE GED
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WHAT ARE THE
NEW IMPROVEMENTS?



What's new at YOURpath?

There are many new and exciting things taking place at YOURpath for Adult Learners.

- First, welcome to our new September enrollees! We look forward to working with you on achieving your high school credential. This is a rewarding goal!
- Next, we have enhanced our website. Students can schedule their One-on-One tutoring sessions and progress conferences directly from our website.
- Recently, we expanded our social media presence by implementing our new Facebook study group & learning community, where students can congregate for encouragement; get mental, emotional and academic support; and gain access to helpful resources.
- Also, we have taken measures to enhance our instructional presence on YouTube through our "Focus on the Test: Mini Lessons."
- Last, but not least, we have incentivized our program. We now offer students free monthly tuition during the months when they are scheduled for their official GED or HiSET exam.

To access our website & other social media, click here: <https://yourpathforadultlearners.com/>

Ms. Chhaya Cook, Pennsylvania resident
HiSET Track, *effective* June 2018

Her Personal Story & Advice:

Why did you drop out of high school? I dropped out of high school in ninth grade because I was getting bored. I did not feel like I was being challenged enough to engage in my work, so I decided to just drop out. That was the biggest mistake I had ever made in my life. I felt like I had given up too easy and for that life was not easy for me. After I dropped out, I struggled with getting a good job. I felt less than a person like I was not smart enough. I missed going to my prom. I did attend Job Corps, maybe six months after I dropped out, because I wanted better for my life. I enrolled into cooking class and GED classes at the time. It was a good experience. I received a certificate in culinary arts. I took my GED test and got real high scores on writing, social studies and language arts, but never took the math part of the test. I needed to take science over. I graduated from job corps without my GED, and I was devastated. I went through life sad because I still wanted my diploma. I needed it to tell myself that I can do this, and I will never have to struggle ever again. I made several attempts after job corps. I entered into the community college GED program, but had to leave because I was pregnant. I lived life the best I could, but I still yearned for my high school diploma. I needed it to feel fulfilled. Now, here I am (many years later) at YOURpath for Adult Learners, and I am doing it. I am making one of my biggest dreams come true. I am working hard to get my diploma because I have been sad for years since I did not have it. I had jobs here and there, but nothing is more joyful than having your high school diploma, a good job and achieving a lifelong goal, for which you fought so hard and so many times to get, but something always got in your way, causing you not to be able to get it.

What are your plans after you earn your high school diploma? First, I am going to celebrate me because I did this through trials and tribulations, and I wanted to quit so many times. I am going to stand proud and know that I took the time to finally complete something that I kept putting off for many years. I am going to enroll into college. I am going to start planning for my future, and what type of career I want to have. This will not be the end for me. I am going to keep going because I deserve it. I overcame so much, and this will be my moment to shine. I want to tell others out there to always put themselves first. Go out there, and do what you need to make your life better. You cannot help others if you cannot help yourself first. Know that you matter; you are smart, and you can do this! It takes time and sacrifice, but it will be worth it for you in the end. So, never stop fighting to go higher in your life, no matter what may try to come your way. Get through it, and get your education. The way this world is set up, education matters no matter how old you are. Do this for yourself, your kids and a better future. You have it in you to change your world first, and then you can be able to go out and help others. I hope that we all make it. I am proud of me first because this is something that I avoided, and I sabotaged my life for not getting it done. Know that you are smarter than you believe, and you can achieve anything. If I can do it than so can you!

A special thanks to Ms. Chhaya Cook for sharing her story with us so that others may be inspired!
