



## Oakland Adult & Career Education Programs

Oakland Unified School District's (OUSD) Oakland Adult and Career Education (OACE) has been committed to providing Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Adult Secondary Education (ASE) for immigrants, dropouts and those most vulnerable in Oakland for 145 years. OACE is the second oldest adult school in California, founded in 1871. OACE is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and all instructors are credentialed by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. OACE has a community-based service delivery model, in 20 locations throughout the city of Oakland.

**OACE Vision:** OACE strives to be the resource for positive and continuous growth, enabling adult students to become contributing workers, lifelong learners, global citizens and full participants in their diverse communities.

**OACE Mission:** OACE provides high-quality foundational, instructional skill programs to Oakland adults and their families in order for them to succeed in education, work and life.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** OACE students will achieve work, life and academic skills including foundational skills in English, math and technology:

- To become college and career ready,
- To support their family's academic progress,
- To become fully participating members of their community

### GED Test Preparation

GED test preparation classes prepare students to not only pass the new 2014 GED examination, but also to apply those academic skills to be successful in their roles as consumers, workers, parents and community members. Instruction is provided as a whole class, small group and individualized. GED classes are offered at Allen Temple, Dewey High School, Esperanza/Korematsu Schools, Merritt College, the Unity Council (Spanish). We also have an Online Distance Learning program.

The General Educational Development (GED) certification is a high school equivalency, an alternative to a traditional high school diploma. OACE is a certified GED test center.

## **Family Literacy**

The Family Literacy program offers skill instruction to parents so that they can better support their children's academic progress. Through ESL instruction, parents learn English language skills to better communicate with school staff and to become more engaged in the school.

Through computer skill instruction, parents learn to access the parent portal, communicate with school staff and to find resources to help their children. Family Literacy classes are offered in collaboration with the following OUSD schools: Allendale, Coliseum College Preparatory Academy, Esperanza/Korematsu, Horace Mann and Martin Luther King, Jr/Lafayette Elementary. Additional schools are served through the mobile classroom.

The Family Literacy program has adopted the National Center for Families Learning model and is recognized nationally.

## **ESL Citizenship Class**

The ESL Citizenship class will prepare adult ESL students to take the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalization interview and test. The class will focus on American Geography, Symbols and Holidays.

## **Career Technical Education (Project SEARCH)**

Project SEARCH is a program that serves adults with developmental disabilities through a partnership among East Bay Innovations, OACE, and the County of Alameda Government Offices. Year-long internships offer a combination of classroom instruction, career exploration and on-the-job training. The goal is to expose interns to careers, to build resumes and to attain employment using skills they have acquired.

## **College and Career Readiness Pathways**

In 2016, OACE launched the College & Career Readiness Pathway program to provide adults with contextualized basic English, math, ESL and study skills to successfully transition to academic and career technical education studies in the community college, or to gainful employment. In partnership within the Northern Alameda Adult Education Collective, students receive guidance and support in transitioning to the community college. The College and Career Readiness Pathways Program is offered at Allen Temple and MetWest High School (evening).

OACE is also providing contextualized math and English skills instruction in a team-teaching IBEST model (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) with Merritt and Laney Colleges. With this IBEST model, students have a higher persistence and completion rate.

## **Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Class**

Oakland Adult and Career Education in partnership with Construction Trade Unions, sponsors this CONSTRUCTION PRE- APPRENTICESHIP course to help students successfully pass the Apprentice Exams for the local unions. Unions include Plumbing, Pipefitting, Welding, HVAC, Sprinklerfitting, Electrician, and Sheet Metal, and more!