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Family Service Center
Division of Career & Adult Education
School District of DeSoto County
2023 - 2024
Fall Schedule of Classes
Classes Begin August 10, 2023

Family Service Center
310 West Whidden Street, Arcadia, Florida
863-993-1333
www.fsc.desotoschools.com



ADULT GENERAL EDUCATION CLASSES
Semester One: August 10, 2023 – December 21, 2023
Tuition = \$45 Per Semester

<u>Course</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Meeting time</u>	<u>Instructors</u>
Family Literacy	Increase your skills and the skills of your children at the same time. Instruction for adults and pre-school children. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Adult Basic Education (ABE)/GED instruction available.	<u>Monday -Thursday</u> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bianca Valdovinos Carmen Valdovinos Nancy Villalon
ABE	Basic skills classes designed to increase participants' reading, math, and language knowledge.	<u>Days: Monday - Friday</u> 8:00 am-12:00 noon 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Nights: Tuesday & Thursday</u> 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Evonna Altman Dawn Randolph Tim Wilder
GED Comp	Instruction designed for preparation to pass the GED. Includes GED Ready Practice Tests.	<u>Days: Monday - Friday</u> 8:00 am - 12:00 noon <u>Monday—Thursday</u> 12:30 pm—2:30 pm <u>Nights: Tuesday & Thursday</u> 5:00pm—8:00pm	Connie Roberson Tim Wilder
GED Online	Designed for those adults who cannot make it to regularly scheduled classes.	<u>Available 24 hours a day,</u> Seven days a week for those who qualify.	Connie Roberson
Applied Academics	Basic skills improvement for entry into postsecondary vocational certification/degree programs	<u>Days: Monday - Friday</u> 8:00 am - 12:00 noon <u>Nights: Tuesday & Thursday</u> 5:00pm– 8:00 pm	Connie Roberson Tim Wilder
ESOL	English language instruction for speakers of other languages Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced	<u>Days: Monday - Friday</u> 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 12:30 pm - 2:30pm <u>Nights: Tuesday & Thursday</u> 5:30pm-8:30pm	Debbie Langley Elvia Valdovinos Evonna Altman Angelica Cardenas Pat DeSilva

ParaPro Testing

Administered Monthly Testing Fee = \$55 cash Call for an appointment—(863) 993-1333

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR / Key Fall 2023 Dates

Semester One Classes Begin	August 10
Labor Day (no classes, office closed)	September 4
Record's Day (no classes)	October 18
Fall Break (no classes)	November 20-24
Thanksgiving (no classes, office closed)	November 23-24
Record's Day (no classes)	December 22
Winter Break (no classes)	December 25– January 5
Christmas (no classes, office closed)	December 25– January 2

To comply with Florida Statute Chapter 2011-63, the Division of Career and Adult Education (D.C.A.E.) will assess tuition fees to all students for instruction. Tuition will be assessed for all classes according to the 2016-2017 approved State of Florida tuition rate for both Adult General Education and Career and Technical Education courses.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CLASS BEGINS

For costs, testing dates, and other information, call (863) 993-1333

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Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	Program is 90 hrs. of theory and 75 hours of clinical instruction. Program completers are eligible to take the State Certified Nursing Examination. For exam registration, contact Prometric at www.Prometric.com or at 888-277-3500. Class information at www.fsc.desotoschools.com under 'Applications'. Registrations are currently being taken for the CNA class that begins August 16, 2022.	Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 4:00 pm-9:00 pm Clinicals 4:00 pm - 10:30 pm Mon-Tues/Wed-Thurs.	Kay Edelman, RN
Practical Nursing (L.P.N.)	The 2023-2024 L.P.N. class begins July 11, 2023. Go to www.fsc.desotoschools.com for 2024-25 LPN applications. Approved Veterans' Training Program.	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 2:30 pm	Marilyn Goodman, RN

The Family Service Center of the School District of DeSoto County offers the above career programs, wherein students may earn industry certification. The district prohibits discrimination in the terms and conditions of employment, and in access to educational programs and activities, and prohibits harassment of any individual or group on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or genetic information. Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation. The district may assess each student's ability to benefit from specific programs through placement tests and counseling, and if necessary, will provide services or referrals to better prepare students for successful participation.

LIFE LONG LEARNING CLASSES

Conversational Spanish	Six-week class beginning September 2023	Tuesday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Computer	Six-week class beginning September 2023	Tuesday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

New Student Orientation

Orientation is required for any new student wishing to register for upcoming academic classes. During this two day event, students will complete all pretesting and registering of classes. Orientation for all new students must be completed before beginning class. To register for the next orientation, please call FSC @ (863) 993-1333.

ADULT CAREER PATHWAYS

Explore your career options! Discover the pathway for your future employment. The Career Pathways program will show you how to develop your own career plan/portfolio based on your interests, skills, and work values. It is geared to you and your future. The Career Pathways program will assist you in making productive choices toward a fulfilling career.

What is FSC 101?

If you are between the ages of 16-18, not yet enrolled at FSC but are interested in current programs that are being offered at the Family Service Center, then *FSC 101* is just what you need! Informational sessions will be offered twice a month for underage students and their parents to attend. Call FSC today to reserve your spot!

Can't come to the Family Service Center for class?

*We also have classes at the
Goodwill-Manasota Retail Store!
1701 E. Oak Street
Arcadia, FL*

*Classes meet Monday-Friday
12:30pm-2:30pm*

*For more information call FSC at
(863) 993-1333 or stop by Goodwill*

We are proud to announce that scholarships are available to our students through the Barbara B. Whidden Fund and the Anson & Marian Raymond—DeSoto County Literacy Council Tuition Scholarship Fund. Scholarships were first awarded during the 2006-2007 school year and have been awarded to FSC students every school year since.

This past semester gift cards from the Barbara B. Whidden Fund and the Anson & Marian Raymond Fund—DeSoto County Literacy Council were awarded to Family Service Center ABE, GED and ESOL students.

Students scholarships are selected based on need and demonstrated progress. Applications are available from instructors.

The GED® Test



GED testing on computer ...

The GED test is entirely **computer-based testing**, allowing test-takers to demonstrate that they have the basic digital literacy skills that employers, colleges, and researchers say are essential to succeed in today's workplace and career training programs. Testing on computer also means increased scheduling flexibility **for** test-takers. We've been offering the GED test on computer across the U.S. for nearly two years, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive. For instance:

- More than 200,000 GED tests have been taken on computer
- People aren't just passing the test on computers—they're **passing at a rate nearly 15 percentage points higher** than those who take paper-based tests
- People who fail a GED test on computer are nearly **60 percent more likely to re-take the test** than those who take the test on paper
- People taking the GED test on computer **finish faster** than those who take the test on paper, and adults of all ages have described the experience as being **"simple," "less stressful," and "easier"**.

Register from the comfort of your own home, any day, at any time. For CBT registering/scheduling visit www.ged.com.

When do I receive my scores?

Same-day access to test scores – you will know right away if you passed and won't have to wait weeks to start applying for jobs, for college or to retake the test.

Will passing the GED® tests get me into college?

Roughly 98 percent of U.S. colleges and universities accept GED® graduates in the same manner as high school graduates. Be sure to check with the institution in which you are applying to see if they accept GED® graduates. After earning your GED® credential, sign up to take the ACT and/or the SAT. The colleges to which you apply may also require you to take placement or achievement tests so that they can determine whether you need additional coursework. Find out more about getting into college in the college and career ready section on your dashboard.



Think Big!

Last year 27 Family Service Center students earned their GED diplomas! You could be the next graduate. Now is the right time to enroll!

PLANNING YOUR FUTURE...

What are your academic and career goals? We can help you develop your educational and training goals by showing you how to make a "career transition plan".

See us for more information!



GED está disponible en español

The School District of DeSoto County strives to provide a website that is accessible to all visitors. This website endeavors to comply with best practices and standards defined by Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act. DeSoto County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, marital status or genetic information in its educational programs, services or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices. The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scout of America Equal Access Act. Questions, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to the designated Equity Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, Section 504 Coordinator (34 C.F.R. 104.4): Dr. Amy Bennett (Student/Parents) (amy.bennett@desotoschools.com) and Dr. Gina Stafford - (Employees) (gina.stafford@desotoschools.com).