



### **Earning Your High School Equivalency (GED® Diploma)**

The General Education Development (GED® Test) is offered as an alternative to a High School Diploma. The GED® Test is made up of four batteries, including Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. The complete battery of tests costs \$160 and each test is \$40, if taken separately.

Current, valid, government-issued photo identification will be required for Orientation and to register and take the GED® Test. Acceptable forms of identification includes a driver's license from any state, a learner's permit, a state ID, a passport or military ID.

By state regulations, 16 and 17 year olds must complete an Underage Youth Application, attach a current Official Withdrawal Form from the last school attended or an Affidavit for Home School students. A parent must attend the first thirty minutes of Orientation to enroll the Underage in Adult Education classes at an authorized Adult Education Program. These future test-takers must attend a minimum 40 hours of class, take the GED Ready® Test and earn minimal scores of 150 on two content areas to have the Adult Education Instructors' recommendation in order to take the GED® Test and agree to maintain enrollment in the Adult Education Program until they have successfully completed the GED® Test as outlined by the Adult Education Program. All students 18 years and older must pass the GED Ready® Test with the required score range of 145 – 200. In order to participate in the Adult Education Program, individuals are required to attend Orientation. Day and Evening Orientation sessions are available. During Orientation, individuals will be given assessment tests to determine level of knowledge in subjects needed to pass the GED® Test in order to be placed into appropriate classes. Orientation is required in order to attend any GED® Test preparation class or lab. You may call the office at 229-430-1620 or visit our website [www.albanytech.edu](http://www.albanytech.edu) for Orientation dates and times. ***There is no cost for Orientation and classes.***

All test-takers must register and schedule their GED® Test at [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com) or by calling the Pearson VUE call center at 1-877-EXAM-GED (392-6433). A credit or debit card is required when scheduling tests. The GED® Test is administered in the Manufacturing Technology Building in room 111 across the street from the main campus of Albany Technical College.

After passing the GED® Test with at least 145 points on each content area, you will receive your Official GED® Diploma, Official Transcript, and a \$500 Hope Voucher in the mail. Additional official documents and/or transcripts can be obtained by mailing a GED® Transcript/Diploma Request Form which can be obtained on the TCSG website at [www.tcsgeu.edu](http://www.tcsgeu.edu) or you may pick-up a form at the Adult Education Office at the Albany Technical College. You may submit the form to TCSG in person or by mail. For additional information, please call 229-430-1620.