

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

The Adult Basic Education program at Grays Harbor College provides classes in reading, writing, mathematics, General Education Development (GED) preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL), and US citizenship. Students may enroll anytime throughout the quarter.

Adult Basic Education classes are for individuals who need to improve their basic skills in order to pass the GED tests, to meet the requirements for enrolling in higher level academic or vocational classes, or to improve family, work, and community skills.

ABE classes also provide ongoing support for students who need help realizing their employment potential. A wide range of topics that enhance a client's marketability and prepare them for the world of work are covered.

Classes are held on campus and at other locations throughout Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties.

Students between the ages of 16 and 18 may be enrolled only on a permission basis. The request for permission must include written release from the student's high school and/or parent.

GED Testing

The five tests of the General Education Development (GED) Battery are provided by appointment on the Grays Harbor College campus and throughout Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. English and Spanish versions of the GED Test are available. Appointments can be made by phone or in person by contacting the Advising and Counseling Center at 360-538-4049. There is a one-time testing fee to be paid when the individual takes his or her first test.

Diagnostic Testing

Diagnostic tests in reading, writing, and mathematics are available by appointment. These tests are free and are used to help place students in courses or to determine readiness for GED testing. Appointments can be made by contacting the Adult Basic Education Office.

Literacy Project

The Grays Harbor College Literacy Project provides a positive learning opportunity for adult learners who want to increase their reading, writing and math skills. Individual tutors help learners achieve their educational goals. People interested in being trained as volunteer tutors, or learners wishing to work with an individual tutor, can contact the Grays Harbor College Literacy Coordinator in the Adult Basic Education Office.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

English as a Second Language classes emphasize listening, speaking, reading, and writing instruction for non-native English speakers for whom language skills are a barrier to employment. U.S. Citizenship classes are also available at some class locations.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Grays Harbor College offers classes to the offenders housed at Stafford Creek Corrections Center located approximately seven miles west of the campus. The College offers classes in Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and assists offender students with the completion of their GED. Five vocational skills programs are also offered at Stafford Creek. These include Building Maintenance Technology, Welding/Powder Coating, Computer Literacy/Information Technology, Drywall Technology and Roofing and Siding.

All courses are aimed at helping the offender students become well prepared, upon release, to enter the world of work and become productive citizens.

Continuing Education

Grays Harbor College is committed to the belief that every person should have the opportunity for lifelong learning to investigate new career possibilities, to upgrade work skills, enhance personal skills and further individual vocational interests.

The Continuing Education Division at Grays Harbor College provides support for the following educational services:

- Access to the Associate in Arts degree and vocational certificates for adult learners who cannot enroll in day, on-campus courses.
- Support for Grays Harbor College programs using telecommunications technologies to extend educational services to time- and place-bound adult learners.
- Programming for summer session courses except Adult Basic Education, workforce training, and Nursing Division courses.
- Courses supporting professional and state certification in Flagger Operations, and Emergency Medical Technician.
- Short-term training supporting student transition from welfare to work and supporting worker skill development.
- Lifelong learning opportunities for adults.
- Access to educational services designed to benefit adult lifelong learners.

Four-Year Degrees

The Evergreen State College offers the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and the Bachelor of Arts in Business in partnership with Grays Harbor College.

Reservation Based Associate in Arts Degree

Grays Harbor College, The Evergreen State College and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges have partnered to provide improved access to the transfer Associate in Arts degree to residents of tribal communities in Western Washington. This liberal arts program is intellectually rigorous and culturally relevant. It honors indigenous knowledge and Western European scholarly traditions.

Students enrolled in this cohort program earn the GHC direct transfer Associate in Arts degree and can matriculate directly into Evergreen's Reservation Based, Community Determined B.A. program, a liberal arts degree, which has served 6 Western Washington tribal communities with positive outcomes since 1989.

Courses supporting the GHC A. A. program are offered to students via the WWW through Washington Online and on ground at Evergreen's Longhouse on its campus in Olympia.

Students are supported by upper division students and faculty mentors, by GHC outreach and student support services and by community based study leaders. For more information on the Reservation Based A.A. please contact Mark Ramon, Outreach Specialist, at 360-538-4090, or mramon@ghc.edu.

Coastal Resources Learning Center

Grays Harbor College is located within a small watershed which includes a five-acre lake (Lake Swano) fed by two small creeks. Conifer and deciduous forests surround Lake Swano. The lake flows into Alder Creek, which in turn flows into the Chehalis River and out to the Pacific Ocean.

Faculty and students began using **Lake Swano** and **Alder Creek** for instructional use in the 1960's when the College moved to its current site. Access to the lake for study and recreation became easier when crude trails were created in the 1970's. During the 1970's and 1980's students began rearing coho salmon on campus as part of the fisheries program. The **John M. Smith Aquaculture Center** was completed in 1983. The hatchery has the capacity to raise 350,000 salmon and trout annually. Grays Harbor College Natural Resources/Fisheries Technology students operate this year-round hatchery.

In 1992, the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) and Centennial Clean Water Fund (CCWF) awarded Grays Harbor College a major grant to create the **Model Watershed Project** (Phase I). Phase I included the construction of a 1.0 mile, handicapped-accessible nature trail around the lake (Lake Swano Trail). A second major DOE grant (Phase II), awarded in 1994, was used to construct an additional 0.8 miles of nature trails within the watershed. A wildlife viewing deck, a fishing platform, a boardwalk and interpretive signs were also added.

Current Model Watershed educational activities include: annual water quality and stream monitoring; a community environmental awareness program; a K-12 educational outreach program called "Students, Watersheds, Invertebrates, Streams, and Habitats" (SWISH); a clearing house for inter-library loan materials; and a watershed curriculum guide for use by local elementary and secondary teachers.

