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## ☞ Essential Skills

Vermont Adult Learning, a member of Learning Works, offers literacy assessment and free help with math, reading, and writing, and preparation for all of the GED test subjects. Each VAL center offers instruction for all levels of learning. Services are available to students who are 16 and older and either:

- ◆ Preparing for college
- ◆ Needing a high school diploma, or
- ◆ Wanting to improve literacy skills for their next step

For more information or to schedule an initial orientation, call 802-257-9449.

### **Brattleboro Center: 90 Birge Street**

Morning, afternoon, and evening study available at the Brattleboro Learning Center.

### **Bellows Falls Open Study: 44 School Street**

Mondays 8-2, Thursdays 8-6.

## ☞ Vermont Adult Diploma Program (VADP)

The Vermont Adult Diploma Program helps adults who are at least 18 years of age to earn a high school diploma through a guided study program. Time frames vary; average time is three months. **There is no cost to the student.** Call 802-257-9449 for more information.

## ☞ General Educational Development Testing (GED)

GED (high school equivalency credential) testing is ongoing and is available by appointment. The cost is \$15.00 for each of the five subjects: reading, writing, math, social studies, and science. There is no charge for pre-testing. GED testing dates are listed on the back cover. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

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## ☞ English Language Learning (ELL)

Vermont Adult Learning offers free classes at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels for non-native speakers of English. Classes are held at 90 Birge Street in Brattleboro. Enrollment is on-going for morning, afternoon, and evening classes.

- ◆ Practice speaking and listening
- ◆ Improve reading and writing
- ◆ Expand vocabulary
- ◆ Study for citizenship

Individual tutoring and classes are also available for English for computers and English for the written driving exam.

## ☞ Career Support

If you are currently on Reach Up benefits, ask your case manager how you may qualify to take part in these career support programs:

- ◆ Job Readiness
- ◆ Work Readiness Skills Assessment
- ◆ Employability Assessment

## ☞ WorkKeys: Work Skills Assessment System

WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring “real world” skills that employers believe are critical to job success. These skills are valuable for any occupation—skilled or professional—and at any level of education.

- ◆ KeyTrain is a computer-based training system designed specifically for development of job skills.
- ◆ WorkKeys Certification is a nationally recognized career readiness certificate.



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## ☞ High School Completion Program (HSCP)

There is a new path to a high school diploma for Vermonters aged 16 to 21. The HSCP authorizes high schools and youth to join forces with Vermont Adult Learning to create individualized graduation plans. These plans include:

- ◆ A wide range of education and training experiences
- ◆ Counseling and health services
- ◆ Innovative community partnerships

### **There is no cost to the student.**

Call 802-257-9449 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

## ☞ Computer Skills

Monthly computer classes are available to low-income community residents. Topics covered include a basic introduction to computers, MS Windows, applications, file management, computer security, Internet searching, and email skills. Funding for the computer classes is made possible through generous grants from United Way of Windham County and the Windham Foundation.



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**For more information about any of the classes and programs at Vermont Adult Learning, call 802-257-9449.**



## How Can I Earn My High School Credential?

- ◆ High School Completion Program For 16 - to 21-year-olds
- ◆ Vermont Adult Diploma Program
- ◆ GED certificate

## What Other Programs and Classes Does Vermont Adult Learning Offer?

- ◆ Essential Skills
- ◆ English Language Learning
- ◆ Work Readiness
- ◆ Computer Skills

## What Can I Expect as a First-Time Student?

As a new student, you are asked to register and attend an informational orientation session with our Educational Advisor. During this time you will:

- ◆ Learn more about our programs
- ◆ Talk about your goals
- ◆ Register with our center
- ◆ Take your first assessment tests

Call 802-257-9449 to schedule an appointment.

## What Can I Expect During Assessment Testing?



You can expect to take a total of four assessment tests: Reading, Language, Applied Mathematics, and Math Computation. Your assessment results will help determine your skill level. With this information, teachers can help you reach your educational goals.

## GED Schedule: 2010\*

Month	Dates	
<b>January</b>	8th	22nd
<b>February</b>	5th	19th
<b>March</b>	5th	19th
<b>April</b>	2nd	16th
<b>May</b>	7th	21st
<b>June</b>	4th	18th
<b>July</b>	2nd	16th
<b>August</b>	6th	20th
<b>September</b>	3rd	17th
<b>October</b>	1st	15th
<b>November</b>	5th	19th
<b>December</b>	3rd	17th

\*Pre-registration required.  
Dates subject to change.

## 2010 Holiday Schedule

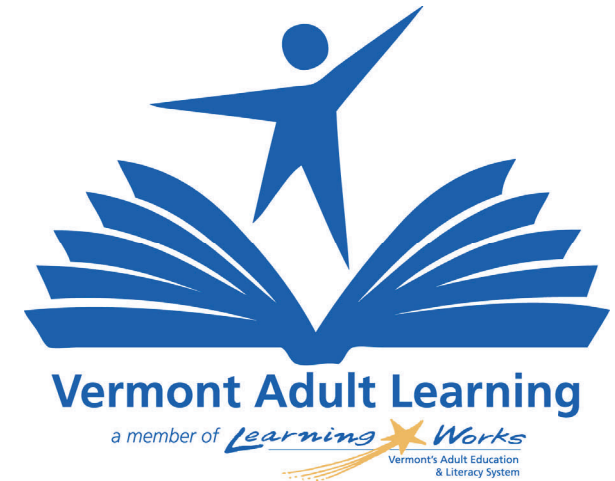
All VAL offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Friday, January 1	New Years Day
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Monday, July 5	4th of July
Monday, Sept. 6	Labor Day
Thursday/Friday, Nov. 25 & 26	Thanksgiving
Friday, Dec. 24 - Dec. 31	Holiday week

**Our mission** is to provide adults with essential skills education to further their educational, employment, and personal goals in order to expand their options and capabilities in the family, community, and workplace.

# 2010

# Classes & Programs



## Brattleboro

Vermont Adult Learning Center  
90 Birge Street, Suite 1  
257-9449

## Bellows Falls

Parks Place Community  
Resource Center  
44 School Street  
463-9927