

## ☞ Essential Skills

Vermont Adult Learning, a member of Learning Works, offers literacy assessment and free help with math, reading, 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
- ◆ Not enrolled in high school and do not have a high school diploma, or
- ◆ High school graduates, but with literacy skills not adequate enough for their next step

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

### **Brattleboro Center: 90 Birge St.**

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

### **Bellows Falls Open Study: 44 School St.**

Mon. 8-2, Thurs. 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 \$12.00 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.

## ☞ 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 ongoing for morning, afternoon and evening classes.

- ◆ Practice speaking and listening
- ◆ Improve reading and writing
- ◆ Learn new words and expressions
- ◆ Study for citizenship

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

## ☞ Career Development: Making It Work

Making It Work helps students get ready to work! If you are currently on Reach Up benefits, you automatically qualify to take part in these supportive, encouraging and lively workshops.

- ◆ Making Plans
- ◆ Making an Impression
- ◆ Making Money
- ◆ Job Search
- ◆ Can I Afford a Car? (optional)



To register, contact your Reach Up case manager at (802)257-2820.



## ☞ High School Completion Program (HSCP)

There is a new path to a high school diploma for Vermonters age 16-21 who are not enrolled in school. The HSCP authorizes high schools and youth who have left school to join forces with Vermont Adult Learning to create individualized graduation plans. These plans include:

- ◆ 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 a generous grant from United Way of Windham County.



United Way  
of Windham County

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



## How Can I Earn My High School Credential?

- ◆ High School Completion Program for 16-21 year olds
- ◆ The 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 intake specialist. During this time you will:

- ◆ Learn more about our programs
- ◆ Talk about your goals
- ◆ Register with our center
- ◆ Schedule a time to take your first assessment

Call 802-257-9449 to schedule an appointment!

## What Can I Expect During Assessment Testing?

You can expect to take a total of four 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 goals!



## GED Schedule: 2009\*

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

\*Pre-registration & pre-payment are required.  
Dates subject to change.

## 2009 Holiday Schedule

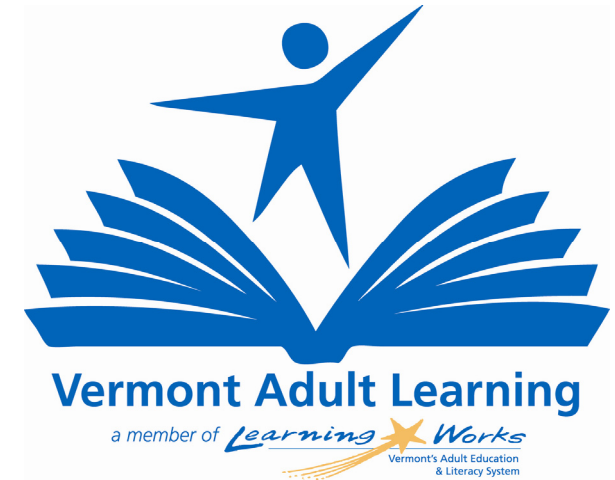
All VAL offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3	4th of July
Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day
Thursday/Friday, Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving
Friday, Dec. 25 - Jan. 1	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.

# 2009

## 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