

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION – last updated August 2020

Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs are designed for individuals over 19 years of age who wish to obtain a B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma. This is equivalent to a high school diploma or “GED”.

Students completing this program come from diverse backgrounds and chose to enroll in ABE for a variety of reasons, including:

- To complete graduation requirements
- To upgrade marks or gain course prerequisites to qualify for post-secondary
- To improve numeracy and literacy skills for employment
- For personal interest and growth

Generally, tuition is free for non-graduate adults who wish to obtain their diploma. Tuition fees apply to graduate adults who wish to upgrade their courses.

Some academic institutions require payment of fees (separate from tuition) for services such as enrolment & application, obligatory member to the student union, transit pass programs, and so forth. See details below for program specific fees.

- **EBUS Academy does not charge tuition and no additional fees apply. This program is recommended.**

EBUS Academy

1-800-567-1236 | helpdesk@sd91.bc.ca | Mailing address: Bag 8000 187 East Victoria Street, Vanderhoof, B.C., V0J 3A2

- A government funded distributed learning centre (online classes) providing free education to Non-Graduated Adults.
- Graduates receive a **B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma** (“Adult Dogwood”)
- Classes are self-paced and require independent learning, though teachers will be accessible via phone or email to support student learning.

Application

Due to COVID-19 and the high demand for online education, the enrolment & application form has been temporarily taken off the EBUS website. Registration will be re-open on August 31st, 2020.

- For best chances of enrolling in Fall 2020, apply between August 31st and September 8th, 2020.

Enrolment is possible 365 days per year if space allows. Enrolment priority is given to individuals who wish to obtain their B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma.

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- To enrol, apply through the [EBUS Academy Adult Education](#) webpage (Application form will be posted August 31st)
- Once processed, applicants will be contacted by EBUS Academy' Adult Academic Advisor to develop a Learning Plan to ensure student success in the program.

For more information, contact the Adult Academic Advisor, Paul Belanger:

pbelanger@sd91.bc.ca | 1-800-567-1236 ext. 2258 *

*Advisor is working from home and cannot answer calls. Send them an email and they will call you within a couple of days.

Vancouver Community College - Adult Basic Education (ABE)

604-871-7000 | [VCC Adult Basic Education Website](#)

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Delivery Methods

There are two course delivery options, both of which are online:

1. **Self-paced**, where students work/learn at their own pace using course material that is customized to accommodate their needs. Students receive individualized instruction, guidance, and assessments according to a flexible schedule they determine with their instructors.
2. **Class-based**, where students receive instruction in online “classes” that have a fixed schedule and instructor. In general, course assignments and assessments follow a fixed schedule too.

Tuition and Fees

While tuition is free, fees and other costs apply. Visit the [VCC's Adult Basic Education Webpage](#) and click on “Fees and Costs” for a breakdown of fees.

- Students can opt-out of the U-PASS program (transit pass) if they are registered in B.C.'s Bus Pass Program and present their One Pass for proof.
(The One Pass is the red compass card. See Tax & Finance page on the DBI resource hub for more information about this program and how to apply)
- The [Adult Upgrading Grant](#) (click for application form) is available to eligible low-income individuals. They will need to provide their previous year's Notice of Assessment and their SIN number.

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Applications and Enrolment

There are three ways students can apply to the Adult Basic Education program at VCC:

1. Online through the [EducationPlannerBC](#) portal
2. By filling out a [PDF Application Form](#) and mailing it to:

VCC Registrar's Office
1155 East Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.
V5T 4V5

3. In person, by visiting the Registrar's Office at one of two locations:

VCC Broadway Campus
1155 East Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.
V5T 4V5

VCC Downtown Campus
250 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.
V6B 1S9

Once applicants receive a letter of acceptance, will be to book an appointment with an advisor to determine their current academic level.

- To book an appointment, complete the [Advising Services Appointment Booking Form](#) or call **604-871-7000**, option 2.
- If you self-identify as an Indigenous person, contact VCC Advisor and Indigenous Liaison Toni Gladstone at **604-871-7000**, extension **5048**. Or email them at tgladstone@vcc.ca

Vancouver School Board

1580 West Broadway, Vancouver | 604-713-5000 | info@vsb.bc.ca

- Offers a wide range of educational programs and services, including **Adult Basic Education** and **Continuing Education***

**Continuing Education is largely practical learning, allowing students to develop skills in a specific area, usually with the aim of obtaining employment.*

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Delivery Method

Students have the option of enrolling in self-paced classes or in structured class-based delivery, both of which are online.

Fees and Tuition

Tuition is free for non-graduate adults. Depending on the applicant's educational history they may be required to take an English/Math assessment in order to have an Individual Student Learning Plan developed for them. Fee for this assessment is \$ 20.00.

Application

The application process involves two steps:

1. Call the office at 604-713-5770 to determine if you need an English or Math assessment before meeting with an advisor.
 2. Send the completed [intake form](#) and proof of status in Canada/photo ID to adulthoodeducationadvisors@vsb.bc.ca
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