

Adult Literacy & High School Equivalency

Fulfilling educational milestones, fueling higher education, and boosting local economies.

Mike Hatten

Adult education filled Mike with hope after years of getting by without the ability to read well. By the time he was 16, he dropped out and had a smattering of jobs. He knew he had to finish his education, and at the age of 53, Mike went back and got his HSE. Today, Mike has obtained his journeyman's license as an HVAC technician.

407,361

FIVE-YEAR TOTAL
OF HSE DIPLOMAS
OBTAINED

90%

GOAL
ACHIEVEMENT FOR
DIPLOMA-SEEKING
ENTRANTS

45%

OF HSE
COMPLETERS WHO
ENROLL IN HIGHER
EDUCATION

90%

COLLEGE
COMPLETION
RATE FOR HSE
STUDENTS

The Pipeline from Equivalency to Higher Education

Adult literacy and High School Equivalency (HSE) programs are not terminal milestones — they are launching pads. By preparing adult learners with rigorous academic and study skills, they ensure that once a student enters higher education, they possess the grit and foundation to complete their degrees at a staggering 90% rate.

Academic Level / Goal	National Scale of Need	Verified HSE Program Success Rates
High School Diploma Completion	30 Million adults lack a high school diploma. 63% of U.S. jobs require one.	90% of individuals entering the program with the goal of obtaining a diploma achieved it.
Higher Education Transition	Critical for unlocking high-wage, specialized professional careers.	45% of HSE completers go on to higher education, transforming their economic outlook.
Post-Secondary Degree Completion	Overcoming historic drop-out barriers via adult education support.	HSE completers who enter college achieve an exceptional 90% rate of degree completion.