



Southwest Adult Basic Education: **Distance Learning Programs**



Library Outreach Partnership

What is Adult Basic Education (ABE):

The mission of Adult Basic Education (ABE) in Minnesota is to provide adults with educational opportunities to acquire and improve their literacy skills necessary to become self-sufficient and to participate effectively as productive workers, family members, and citizens.

What are the Outcomes of ABE:

Adult Basic Education addresses a variety of learner goals. ABE helps learners to:

- Achieve high school equivalency (GED or Adult H.S. Diploma);
- Attain employment and/or better their current employment;
- Attain skills necessary to enter post-secondary education and training;
- Exit public welfare and become self-sufficient;
- Learn to speak and write the English language;
- Master basic academic skills to help their children succeed in school;
- Become U.S. citizens and participate in democratic society; and
- Gain self-esteem, personal confidence and sense of personal and civic responsibility.

Websites to Access Distance Learning (DL) Programs:

1. SW ABE - www.marshalladulthoodeducation.org
 - On the left side of the page, see 'Online Lessons' for the following DL Programs:
 1. USA Learns - www.usalearns.org (Learning English)
 2. Skills Tutor - www.myskillstutor.com (Online supplement to classroom studies)
 3. MIRC – www.mydigitalliteracy.us (Digital literacy training – basic computer skills)
 4. North Star Digital Literacy – www.digitalliteracyassessment.org
(Basic computer skills, Internet, Windows Operating System, Mac OS, Email, and Word Processing)
 5. Learner Web – www.learnerweb.org
(Specific learning objectives – Computer Skills, CNA, Earning GED, Learning English, etc.)
2. Worthington ABE Website - www.isd518.net/abe
 - See 'Resources' on the right side of the page
 - 'Online Activities to Study English' - <http://english-on-the-web.yolasite.com/>
3. Mindquest Academy - www.mindquestacademy.org
 - Online college prep program
4. GED Academy - www.passged.com
 - Online GED prep program
5. Rosetta Stone - www.rosettastone.com
 - Online second language learning program

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Other Partnerships with ABE:

1. Southwest Private Industry Council
*SW MN PIC offers individualized employment and training services for adults seeking new employment, changing careers, or re-entering the workforce. The SW MN PIC youth program trains tomorrow’s workforce through several programs available to youth ages 14-21. The SW MN PIC business program benefits businesses by offering services from hiring employees, training workers, or providing advice on employment law.

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Websites: www.swmnpic.org – SW MN Private Industry Council
www.swmncareers.org – SW MN Careers

2. Southwest Minnesota Volunteer Literacy Organization
* To support the literacy goals of adults living in Southwest Minnesota through quality tutoring, community partnerships, and advocacy.

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