

# Careers Ahead Fact Sheet 2015-2016

## Other Education Routes

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### Public School Programs

#### Correspondence Study Courses

The Correspondence Study Program offers the opportunity to complete a secondary school education. There are about 50 correspondence courses offered at the grade 7–12 levels. The courses are self-paced and once successfully completed, the student receives a certificate that is recognized for credit towards a Junior High completion, High School Graduation Diploma, or High School Graduation Diploma for Adults.

For a list of available courses and costs, contact  
Correspondence Study Program  
Learning Resources & Technology Services  
Department of Education and Early Childhood  
Development  
Website: <http://csp.ednet.ns.ca>  
Phone: 902-424-4054

#### Continuing Education Courses

School boards offer a variety of continuing education courses including high school academic courses, upgrading, skills training, recreational programs, and personal interest courses. Contact your local school board for more information.

#### High School Diploma for Adults

The High School Diploma for Adults is a credential endorsed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and administered by Department of Labour and Advanced Education. It meets the needs of adults who do not have a high school diploma and who wish to acquire a credential that will allow access to further education and/or employment opportunities.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for the diploma the person must

- be 19 years of age or over
- be out of public school for one full year or more
- not have a recognized high school diploma as defined and approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Twelve credits (6 compulsory and 6 elective credits) must be completed. In addition, five out of the twelve credits, must be at grade 12 level. The credits are the following:

Six compulsory credits are:

- 2 credits in English/French (Grade 11 and 12)
- 1 credit in Mathematics
- 1 credit either in Biology or Chemistry or Physics
- 1 credit in Technology or Mathematics or Science or Social Science
- 1 credit in Global History or Global Geography (Grade 12 level)

Six elective credits may include any other credits at grade 11 or grade 12 level and/or through the Adult Learning Program Level IV credits.

In addition, prior learning gained through formal education may be recognized for credit.

Note: A person with a GED, or Academic Upgrading Level IV, or a Nova Scotia Vocational Education Certificate is eligible to earn the High School Diploma for Adults GED®.

The General Educational Development (GED) is an international high school equivalency testing for adults. The tests are designed to measure the skills that correspond to those of high school graduates.

The five tests consist of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics

To write the GED tests in Nova Scotia a person must:

- be 19 years of age on the date of the tests
- have been out of the public school system for a year
- not have a recognized high school diploma as defined and approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

For more information on High School Diploma for Adults or GED, visit the Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning website at [www.goNSSAL.ca](http://www.goNSSAL.ca) or phone 1-877-466-7725.