



**Lawrence Education Center**  
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**Lawrence Education Center** provides Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, High School Equivalency preparation, Adult High School Diploma, Vocational Skills education and training, along with career exploration and transitional activities for students age 16 and older. Students have opportunities to explore careers and career pathways, learn employability and job survival skills, develop leadership skills, learn financial literacy skills, and earn skills leading to a certificate or credential.

**High School Equivalency Exam Preparation (GED®)**

Includes instruction in reading, writing, literature, mathematics, science, social studies and constitution in preparation for the GED® examination. Classes meet 5 days a week, either 9:00 am – 12:00 noon or 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

**Adult Diploma Program**

This program offers students with a minimum of 10 credits an opportunity to complete courses to earn an Adult High School Diploma. Lawrence Education Center is part of Springfield Public School District #186, and utilizes the course structure and requirements necessary to assist a student in earning their Diploma. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

## **Education-To-Careers Academy**

Enrolled students are introduced to workplace skills and will achieve a deeper understanding of how to prepare for a career in the workforce. Students engage in interactive learning, including group activities, gain experience using computers, explore career options and incorporate them into a personalized career plan, & set goals to further their education.

Students will obtain C.P.R. certification, Food Handlers Certification, and Illinois WorkNet Readiness Assessment.

## **Mastering Digital Literacy**

This is a required course for all students. MDL assists in learning the computer skills needed to pass the High School Equivalency exams (GED<sup>®</sup>) and/or pursue other career pathways. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion from Microsoft. Students must be enrolled in the GED<sup>®</sup> Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program.

## **Pre-Bridge Program**

“Smart Moves” Pre-C.N.A. program provides contextualized instruction while exploring a career pathway to C.N.A. Students will earn a Personal Care Attendant certificate, and will be able to determine upon completion if pursuing the C.N.A. is the right choice for their personal goals. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program to participate.

## **C.N.A. Program**

In partnership with Fishes & Loaves Vocational Center, this program provides next steps for a student to move from Pre-Bridge to C.N.A. licensure. Prerequisite: Student must have completed, or be close to completing, their GED® or Adult Diploma, and have successfully completed the Pre-Bridge Pre-C.N.A. program.

## **Hospitality Bridge**

This program allows students to explore multiple hospitality & tourism career pathways and learn supporting concepts and terminology. Students must be enrolled in the GED<sup>®</sup> Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program.

## **Food Protection Managers Certification**

Students can obtain the Illinois Department of Public Health's approved Food Protection Managers Certification. Students must complete Academy and/or the Hospitality Bridge to participate.



## **I.T. Bridge**

This Bridge program provides contextualized instruction and learning in the Information Technology area. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Preparation program or the Adult High School Diploma program to participate, & complete Mastering Digital Literacy.

## **Technology Workforce Preparation Program**

In partnership with Computer Banc, students participate in hands-on training working with computers and computer components, loading software, and deconstructing and constructing a working computer. Students must be enrolled in the GED® Prep program or the Adult Diploma Program to participate, and must also successfully complete the I.T. Bridge.

## **Construction Pre-Bridge**

In partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 193, students will learn basic trades knowledge, job expectations, and will earn the OSHA 10 certification. Students will also participate in hands-on training that will prepare them for internship opportunities.

Questions?

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