

## High School Equivalency Office

For whatever reason, you didn't finish high school. Now, you need that high school diploma in order to get a job, take classes here at GCC or at another postsecondary institution, for your own personal satisfaction, or to set an example for your children about the importance of education. GCC is here to help. Our High School Equivalency Office assists individuals 16 years and older, who are not enrolled in a high school and who do not have a high school diploma, in obtaining a high school equivalency diploma by successfully passing either the GED® or the HiSET® high school equivalency test.

### TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST:

- Candidate must be at least 16 years of age and not currently enrolled in an accredited high school;
- Candidate between the age of 16-17 must provide an official withdrawal form;
- Candidate must not hold a standard high school diploma;
- Candidate must take the CASAS appraisal.

NOTE: Under no circumstances may a high school equivalency test be administered to a person who is under 16 years old.



### Computer-based

The GED® Testing Service is a public-private partnership between the American Council on Education and Pearson-VUE. The computer-based GED® Test includes the Common Core State Standards to better prepare individuals for college and career. Individuals can quickly register and take a practice test online, take the GED® Test at GCC's PearsonVue test site, and be assured of increased test security and immediate scoring on most tests.

[Click here to find out more about the GED®.](#) [1]

Subject Areas: 4

- Reasoning through Language Arts
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Science
- Social Studies

Fees:

\$125.00 (total for all four content areas)

\$31.25 for each subtest.

Re-test fee is \$11.25 per sub-test or content area for first two retests. Subsequent retests are \$31.25 per subtest.

### **WHAT SCORE DO YOU NEED TO PASS and OBTAIN A GED® HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA?**

Each GED® test subject (Reasoning through Language Arts (reading and writing), Mathematical Reasoning, Social Studies, and Science) is scored on a scale of **100-200** points. To pass and earn a GED® high school equivalency diploma, you must (1) score at least 145 points on each test subject and (2) obtain a total of at least 580 points.



### **Paper-based or Computer-based**

HiSET® is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance quality and equity in education. The HiSET® exam can be taken either paper-based or computer based, and includes up to two retests in each content area over a 12-month period when you purchase the entire five-subject exam at one time. Free half-length practice tests are available in each content area as you prepare for the official exam.

[Click here to find out more about the HiSET®.](#) [2]

### **Subject Areas: 5**

- Language Arts - Reading
- Language Arts - Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

### **Fees:**

#### **Computer-Based Testing (CBT)**

**\$88.75** (\$78.75 total for all five content areas, plus \$10 administrative fee (paid annually, so usually only one time, whether paper or computer-based format is selected.)

Two free retest only if all five sub-test is paid on the same day, however a \$5.00 lab fee applied retake fee is \$10.75 plus \$5.00 lab fee (\$15.75)

The 3rd retake fee is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 lab fee

If the full payment is not made on the same day, the first initial fee is \$25.75 (\$10 annual fee (one time) plus \$10.75 each subtest plus \$5.00 lab fee)) Subsequent subtest cost is \$10.75 each plus \$5.00 lab fee

#### **Fees: Paper-Based Test (PBT)**

**\$110** (\$75.00 total for all five content areas plus \$10 administrative fee (paid annually, so usually one time, whether paper or computer-based format is selected, plus \$5.00 lab fee for each subtest.

Two free re-test only if all five sub-test is paid on the same day, however a \$5.00 lab fee is applied.

The 3rd retake fee is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 lab fee

If the full payment is not made on the same day, the first initial fee is \$30.00 (\$10 annual fee (one time) plus \$5.00 lab fee, plus \$15.00 )

Subsequent subtest cost is \$15.00 each plus \$5.00 lab fee for each subtest

**WHAT SCORE DO YOU NEED TO PASS and OBTAIN A HiSET® HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA?**

Every HiSET® test subject (Language Arts-Reading, Language Arts-Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) is scored on a scale of 1-20 points. To **pass and earn a HiSET® high school equivalency diploma, you need to** (1) score at least 8 points on Language Arts-Reading, Language Arts-Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, (2) score at least 2 points on the essay section of the Language Arts-Writing test, and (3) have a total scaled score of at least 45 points.

**WHAT TO DO**

1. Visit the GCC Adult Education Office on the 2nd floor of the Foundation Building (Bldg. 6000) (735-6009 through 6013) and make an appointment to take the CASAS Assessment.
2. Present a valid driver's license, passport, military ID or other form of government-issued identification that shows your name, address, date of birth, signature, and photograph.
3. Take the free 2-hour CASAS Assessment which is administered every Tuesday and Thursday. An individual must score at least 236 on the CASAS Assessment in order to take a high school equivalency test.
4. Register to take the GED® at [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com) [3] or the HiSet® test at [hiset.ets.org/take/schedule](http://hiset.ets.org/take/schedule) [4]. Visit or contact the High School Equivalency Office in the SSA Building, Room 2207 or 2209; 735-5625 or 735-5517. Candidate must make payment online. If candidate does not have a credit or debit card, please go to the High School Equivalency Office for payment instructions.
5. Candidate must be present 15 minutes prior to the scheduled (test) time. A photo ID is required.
6. The test is administered on the GCC campus.
7. The Candidate may apply for a diploma at the High School Equivalency Office or the GED® Testing Service in Washington, DC, or at HiSET at <http://hiset.ets.org/scores/overview/> [5] after satisfactory test scores are received from the respective testing office.

**RESIDENCY**

In order to take a high school equivalency test, a person must be a resident of Guam. You are considered a resident of Guam if your permanent home is on Guam and your most recent income tax forms were filed on Guam, or if you are a dependent of someone whose most recent income tax forms were filed on Guam. Active duty military personnel and their dependents are considered residents, as are citizens of the Freely Associated States of Micronesia. Please be prepared to submit a stamped copy of your income tax form as proof of residency.