

NEDP



An Alternative High School Completion Option

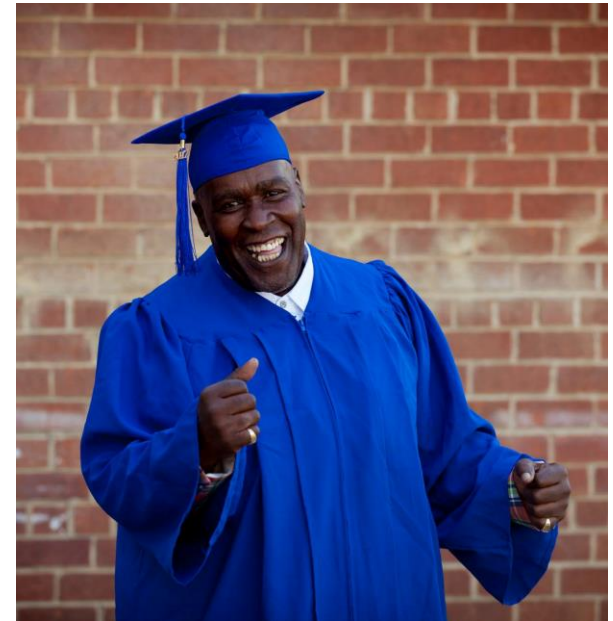
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National External Diploma Program (NEDP)



- Competency-based, applied performance assessment
- Pathway to an local or state diploma
- Serves adults and out-of-school youth (OSY)
- Series of simulations that parallel job and life situations.



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NEDP History

1975

The External Diploma Program (EDP) is debuted by the Ford Foundation to serve needs of adult learners.

1979

The EDP is validated by the US Department of Education for national dissemination.

2006

The EDP, renamed the National External Diploma Program, finds its home at CASAS.

2013

A revamped online NEDP is launched, aligned to CCRS and pending WIOA legislation.

2020

OCTAE selects NEDP as an innovative practice in the first round of the *Advancing Innovations in Adult Education* initiative.

2022

DOE-funded *Digital Resilience in the American Workforce: Findings from a National Landscape Scan on Adult Digital Literacy Instruction* (DRAW) project names NEDP as an innovator in addressing digital literacy skills.

Key Characteristics of NEDP

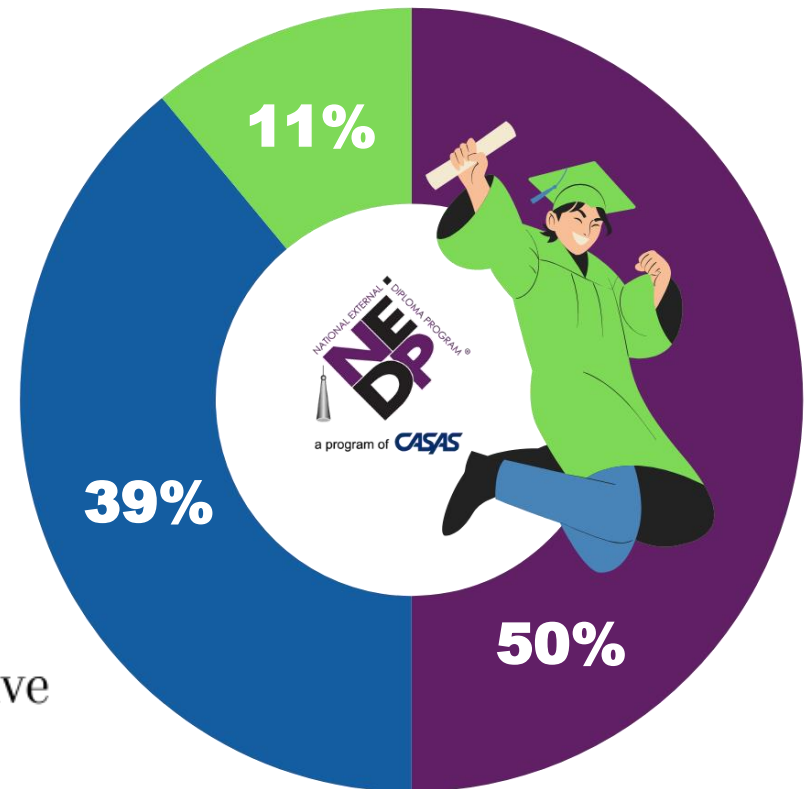
- Focused on life and work skills
- Self-paced and flexible
- Appropriate for second language speakers and those who learn differently
- Learner self-efficacy and active engagement



Miran from Fairfax, VA

Of Over 12,000 NEDP Clients 2013 - Present

■ Graduated ■ Exited ■ Active



Applicability of NEDP Skills

- NEDP skills are applied in performance tasks in life and work contexts.

Foundation Skills	Work Readiness Skills	Self-efficacy Skills
Reading Writing Listening Speaking Mathematics Information and Communication Technology Media Literacy	Career development Resume development Job search Interpersonal skills Organizational Awareness	Learning to learn Problem solving Critical analysis Personal responsibility Self-awareness Self-direction

- Foundation and self-efficacy skills are applicable to college and careers.

NEDP Clients

Adults and out of school youth who

- are self-directed learners
and can work autonomously

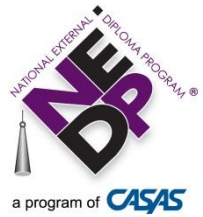
- demonstrate personal
responsibility & problem solving

- can achieve a high intermediate level score on reading (236), writing (3 out of 4), and math (226) CASAS instruments.



Matt from NY Hub

NEDP as an option for current students



- HSE Students who have been unsuccessful in one or more parts of HSE
- Credit completion students who want a quicker path
- Advanced ELLs who want HS credential but not good candidate for HSE test

NEDP: Client Outcomes

- Acquire skills needed to demonstrate mastery of competencies
- Are evaluated against a criterion of mastery instead of comparison to others
- Demonstrate incremental progress rather than relying on an all-or-nothing exam
- Have the flexibility to work and/or obtain workforce training (IET - Integrated Education and Training)
- Earn a local or state diploma

What does NEDP look like?

- Key Components
- Competency Areas
- Web based program

NEDP Program Key Components



Diagnostic Phase

- Confirm high intermediate skills

- Become familiar with elements of NEDP

Generalized Assessment

- Build NEDP portfolio

- All tasks completed to 100% mastery

Two Phases of NEDP

Diagnostics	Generalized Assessment
Purpose: Introduces clients to the skills comprising NEDP and evaluates client readiness for Generalized Assessment.	Purpose: measure skills required for success in adult life and transition to postsecondary education and/or the workforce
Intake and Pre-Screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEDP Information Session CASAS Appraisal Registration 	Foundational Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication & Media Literacy Applied Math & Numeracy Info & Communication Technology
CASAS Reading Level C/D	Health Literacy
CASAS Math Level C/D	Civic Lit and Community Participation
Written Response to Prompt	Consumer Awareness & Financial Lit
Self-Assessment Checklist	21 st Century Workplace
Technology Self-Assessment	Cultural Literacy
College & Career Competency Inventory	Geography and History
O*NET Occupational Interest Profiler	Science

Full demonstration of each competency area is followed by **Portfolio Review**, in which a second reviewer verifies that all the competencies have been demonstrated to 100% mastery.

Measured Skills: READING

- Comprehension of complex texts
- Questions at Depth of Knowledge levels 1 - 3
- Use varied sources dealing with the **skills that matter:**
- Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness
 - Civic Participation
 - Health Literacy
 - Digital Literacy



Measured Skills: WRITING

Writing:

Questions → Short answers

Prompts → Extended response

Focus on fluency and clarity

Writing practice should include

- Researching and responding to outside sources
- Short answers, long answers, and slides
- Introduce avoiding plagiarism by paraphrasing and citing sources



Measured Skills: MATH

Math:

Numeracy: Making mathematical sense of a situation

Intermediate-level computation

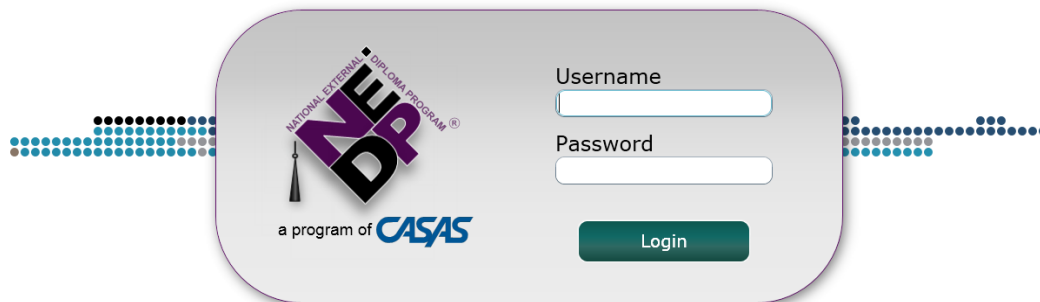
- parts of a whole
- estimating
- mental math
- visual/ graphic literacy



All math in Generalized Assessment is contextualized within **money** and **measurement**

Web-based NEDP

- Client Interface
 - Complete activities
 - Use online resources
- Assessor Interface
 - Administer proctored meetings
 - Evaluate client responses
 - Provide feedback
- NEDP Portfolio Reviewer Interface
 - Evaluate client responses
 - Provide feedback



NEDP Provides Workforce Preparation Activities in Alignment with WIOA



- Allows clients to obtain a HS diploma while meeting other WIOA performance measures.
- Provides a stackable credential that verifies to employers that the client has the foundational, cognitive, and occupational-specific skills needed for work readiness.
- Offers an ideal option for WIOA partners looking to develop an integrated education and training (IET) program.

NEDP Clients* may earn up to three NRS measures:

1. A **Measurable Skills Gain (MSG)** when clients transition from Diagnostics to Generalized Assessment
2. **Secondary Credential Gain**, an MSG earned when clients graduate
3. **Follow-up Outcome** when clients exit *and* become 1) employed or 2) enrolled in postsecondary education



*not applicable in NY

Planning for Implementation

First Step: Get Informed!
Learn all about the NEDP...



1. Request an Information Packet
2. Go to www.nedp.org and check out the *Prospective Provider* tab, testimonial videos, and more
3. Request an Information Session with the NEDP Director and Trainer
4. Contact NEDP Providers

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