

GNTC Adult Education Distance Learning Strategy

Adults who are not able to come to class, or who feel more comfortable with computer-based learning at home can request enrollment in our virtual classroom(s). For information, call Susan Hackney in Rome at 706-295-6972; or Jim Fowler in Rock Spring at 706-764-3564.

Steps to Participation in Distance Learning

1. Call the nearest Adult Learning Center for information on placement testing. Reading at the high school level will be required for consideration for enrollment in the distance learning program if there is no adult learning center class time involved.
2. After placement testing, the Adult Learning Center staff will demonstrate the learning programs available on computer and refer the student to the instructor for the virtual classroom who will contact the student via email about starting classes.
3. A minimum of four hours a week of **logged on** study time will be required to maintain enrollment in the virtual classroom. Failure to meet this requirement will result in having access to the program suspended. **Extra hours are encouraged!**
4. Every 30 or 40 hours of study time, the student will be required to return to the Adult Learning Center for post-testing to document progress toward readiness for GED[®]. Failure to do so will result in having enrollment suspended.
5. The online instructor will be available by telephone during specified “office hours”, or via email to help solve any problems which arise.

Some Things to Consider

Distance learning in a virtual classroom is not a good strategy for every learner. The Adult Education staff will help a potential student determine if enrollment in distance learning is the best choice.

A computer with high speed internet connection and printer to access the learning programs is required.

Basic computer literacy skills are needed to navigate through the learning programs on the computer.

The Advantages of Distance Learning

You can begin your program almost immediately. You can access your virtual classroom anytime, and you won't have travel costs. You can set up your study area the way you like it.

The computer is a very patient teacher and does not mind repeating lessons as many times as needed for you to understand the subjects and skills being taught. Also, your reference options are as close as “Google”, online dictionaries and calculators, and YouTube for extending your learning.

You can transfer from the virtual classroom to your Adult Learning Center if you wish.