

Why College?

- Transform your job into a career. Expand your career options and compete for higher paying jobs with benefits that require a degree.
- Increase earnings by an average of \$10,000 per year with an Associate's Degree and \$20,000 with a Bachelor's.*
- Earn \$1 million more across your lifetime than with a high school diploma or GED alone.*
- Get the degree you've always wanted and the respect you deserve.
- Model educational success for your children and they will follow in your footsteps.
- Because you can! *"...with 5 children, as a single parent, with a full time job, taking care of a sick father, if I can get through it, you can get through it. It has its challenges, but it's worth it. My degree has made me more marketable at my job."*

*Education Pays, The College Board, 2005.



Next Steps

With a high school diploma or GED, you can get started. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Fill out an application.
2. Complete financial aid forms (FAFSA).
3. Order transcripts (high school, GED, and previous college).

Classes begin in September (Fall semester) and January (Spring semester) of every year.

We will work with you!

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President Barack Obama

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*The college of possibilities
in your neighborhood.*

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Why ACE?

Convenience. Classes take place in your neighborhood, two evenings per week, the same time every semester (5:30-9:30 PM).

Accelerated and Full time. Students take 12 credits per semester (24/year), which equals full-time status — maximizing financial aid.

A Supportive Atmosphere. You will join a cohort of peers who take courses together, and teach, encourage, and support each other through to graduation. Friendly supportive staff provide one-on-one help to get you started, apply for financial aid, register for classes, and graduate.

For Working Adult Learners. We respect you as working adults with lives outside of school and experiences to bring into the classroom. Our teaching style is interactive and focused on discussion, integrating new understanding with knowledge you have to take you where you want to go.



Success Factors

- Personal attention from quality instructors invested in your success and trained to teach adult learners.
- A graduation rate of 80% compared to 28% on average for community college.*
- A curriculum that applies to the real world.
- Middle States accreditation helps credits transfer to four-year institutions.

*The Challenge to Complete, Graduate! Philadelphia, 2005.

How to Pay for College

Don't let the cost of tuition stop you from getting the education you want and deserve! There is a **BIG** difference between the price tag on tuition and what *you* will actually pay. **When financial aid, scholarships, and tuition discounts are applied, your out-of-pocket costs end up to be a fraction of total tuition!** Almost *all* students pay for college with grants *and* low-interest loans from the government; loans must be paid back, but not until *after* you graduate (or withdraw). ACE students are *full-time* and can take full advantage of available financial aid. Work through the financial aid process with a counselor to understand what college will *actually* cost you, and then invest in yourself!

Degree Options

Our curriculum is practical and applicable to everyday life. The ACE Program offers three Associate's Degrees: Leadership Studies, Human Services, and Law and Justice. All majors begin with preparatory and general education courses, such as English, Math, and Social Sciences.

Leadership Studies provides graduates with the 21st century skill set necessary to be considered for and succeed in supervisory and management positions—skills like communications, critical and analytical thinking, team management, and decision-making. A Leadership degree equips you to determine and pursue your personal and professional life vision in any field.

Human Services students study sociology, psychology, intervention techniques, and perform field work preparing to directly assist populations in various facilities.

Law and Justice is for those interested in public law enforcement and social services work related to the criminal justice system or private security. Classes include introduction to law, police practices, and community and police relations.