



WorkReady U
Adult Education
Community Tutor Guide



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Welcome!

First let us begin by saying THANK YOU for your willingness to volunteer!! We know that what we do makes a difference in the lives of our students and in our community. Research has shown that an educated community has less crime, less poverty and less illness. Our students often face great challenges in life, which makes pursuing education a luxury rather than a necessity. We hope to change that mindset, one student at a time, but we need your help to meet that goal. There is no wrong way to volunteer. Each and every contact you have with our students changes their lives for the better. We welcome you onboard our team!

Angie Pellegrin, Dean of Student Success

Gina Naquin, WRU Interim Director Angela Gengraelly, WRU Instructor

And the entire Fletcher WRU team of instructors and paraprofessionals

Contact us any time with any questions or concerns you may have: 985.448.5926

What is WorkReady U – Adult Education: Who does this program serve?

The WorkReady U program took the place of the GED several years ago in the State of Louisiana. WRU is a partnership between adult education programs, community college's technical education instruction, and workforce development pre-employment activities. Fletcher's WRU program services students from age 16 on up.

WorkReady U provides:

- Instruction to participants seeking to obtain their high school equivalency diploma
- Testing and remedial instruction for individuals interested in obtaining a substitute teacher certification for Lafourche Parish Public Schools
- Instruction to adults seeking to learn English as a second language (ESL) and possibly continue to complete their high school equivalency diploma or study for the U.S. Citizenship Test
- Instruction/tutoring to anyone wanting to improve their basic skills in reading, language, and/or math
- Testing of unemployed community members for Louisiana Workforce Commission to determine skill level for job placement
- Community education workshops such as financial literacy, health fairs, basic computer literacy, job seeking skills, resume' writing, etc.

What role you can serve for Adult Ed Students:

- Group or one-on-one tutoring in Math, English, Social Studies, Science
- Presentations on topics that enhance students' lives – literature, financial literacy, industry information, life/success strategies, test taking skills, test anxiety, etc.
 - Our website has a link to the form to get you started!! (www.fletcher.edu. Under Student Services, click Adult Education, Services Offered)
- Mentoring for any or all students in our program to demonstrate the value of education and forward movement in life. Your experience and knowledge are valuable to our students.

It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed. ~ Napoleon Hill

Opportunities Available to Adult Education students:

The students in the Adult Education program have several opportunities available to them besides free instruction. Opportunities include:

- **5 for 6 Scholarship** - allows students to co-enroll (6 credit hours) in a technical program such as Welding, Electrical, Automotive, Air Conditioning and Heating, Machine Tool, Marine Diesel, Business, or Certified Nursing Assistance while still continuing to pursue their high school equivalency diploma
- **Ability to Benefit (ATB)** - covers tuition for adult learners after completing 6 credit hours to continue taking courses in the technical program of their choice
- **HiSET exam vouchers** – the Bayou Educational Opportunity Center (BEOC) located at Nicholls State University helps pay for most of the cost of taking the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)
- **HSE Scholarship** - another scholarship to help cover the cost of the HiSET exam through LCTCS
- **Next Steps Scholarship** - provides adult learners who have passed the HiSET with additional funds to help pay for tuition at a college within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS)

Typical Adult Education Students:

The WorkReady U program typically has about 25 – 30 students come to class every day. The majority arrives between 8:30 and 9:00 AM and stay until 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. The skill level of students is a mixture of low-literacy to advanced. The typical morning student is working at an intermediate skill level (5th to 7th grade). The typical afternoon student's skill level is high school or difficult/advanced level (8th to 12th grade). Their time in class has many factors including caring for family/children, work, and transportation issues.

Meet some of our current and past students:

April, a married woman in her 40s, who never finished high school because she was busy raising her children while running her own business. She always put her family and children first. When they were grown, she decided to finish school and get her high school equivalency diploma. She enrolled with Fletcher's WRU program, studied diligently, and passed her HiSET on the very first try within a month. She is currently planning to enroll at Fletcher to further her education.

Latesha, a 17 year old, came to the WRU program while living at the local juvenile home. She was very determined to finish her high school equivalency diploma before she aged out of the state system. She came to class every day and studied hard. She passed the HiSET exam within two months and is currently working.

Derek was incarcerated with the Work Release program at the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office when he started studying to get his high school equivalency diploma. He graduated with the WRU program, and after being released started taking online college courses in business.

Thaddeus, a married middle-aged man, was volunteering as a coach for a local public middle school. He took the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) to become a certified substitute teacher, but needed remediation before testing again. After studying with the adult education class, he successfully passed the TABE. He and his wife also participated in the basic computer literacy course.

Micheal, a single guy in his 40s, came to Fletcher's WRU program after being found in a homeless shelter when he was released from prison. Micheal had been in and out of jail most of his adult life, but made the decision that he had to change his life and his way of thinking. Another organization helped him find a place to live and get enrolled in Fletcher's WRU program so that he could finish his high school education. Since starting the adult education program a year and a half ago, Michael had taken

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advantage of every opportunity afforded him and has done amazingly well. He co-enrolled in the Electrical Technology program through the 5 for 6 Scholarship while still working on his HiSET. After his first semester, he was able to continue his courses in the electrical program through Ability to Benefit funds. He recently passed the HiSET exam and finished his Electrical Technology diploma with a 4.0 GPA. He was recently chosen and honored as Louisiana's Student of the Year at the 2018 Louisiana Association of Public, Community, and Adult Education (LAPCAE) conference in Baton Rouge. He has also been the guest speaker, or recognized, at several organizational meetings and events within the local area. Micheal was also featured in a short video that was shown at the Louisiana Community and Technical College System's 2018 Conference in New Orleans. He will continue his studies at Fletcher starting the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program soon. Micheal has completely changed his life, and we can't wait to see what further accomplishments he achieves.