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GED Testing Service Now on Facebook!

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In January 2009, GED Testing Service, creators of the official GED Tests, launched its official Facebook page. This gives the opportunity to share questions and thoughts about the testing process and get to know the many people who are involved in offering a powerful second chance through the GED Tests. The profile is facilitated by GED Testing Service employees Cassandra Brown, Allison Jennings, and CT Turner. Members include GED Testing Service staff, testing professionals from the U.S. and Canada, fellow test-takers, and credential recipients.

Facebook is a networking site that is generally geared towards high school and college students, but there are other users as well. Currently, over 175 million active users on are on Facebook everyday to keep up with friends. A large number of these users are the demographic More than half of Facebook users are outside of college and The fastest growing demographic is those 30 years old and older . An average user has 120 friends and as of March 2009, GED Testing Service boasts 165 members.

Profile

The GED Testing Service group is targeting those who are involved in preparing for or taking the tests and those who have already earned their GED diploma/certificate. They welcome those who are just considering the GED Tests all the way to a Chief GED Examiner!



The mission of the "Show-Me Literacy Newsletter is to provide professional information-sharing, resources and news about adult education and literacy.

Discussion Board

Facebook has a format for discussions, and the GED Testing Service page includes twelve topics, such as: *Is it possible for someone to earn a GED by mail?*

GED Testing Service staff are ready to answer questions about the tests, the diploma/certificate and plenty more. There is also the option to post a question to the Wall and a fellow member can offer their take on the testing process.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Facebook discussion board for the 'Mail-in GED' page. The browser's address bar shows 'Mail-in GED | Facebook'. The page header includes the GED logo and the text 'Mail-in GED Back to Official Home of GED Tests'. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Discussion Board' (selected) and 'Topic View'. The main topic is 'Mail-in GED'. A message indicates 'Displaying all 2 posts by 2 people.' The first post is by Gabriela, dated March 4, 2009, at 4:06pm, asking 'Hi, Is it possible for someone to earn a GED by mail?'. The second post is by Cassandra, dated March 5, 2009, at 4:30pm, replying that one cannot earn a GED credential by mail and providing a link to find testing centers. The footer of the page shows 'Facebook © 2009 English (US)' and navigation links for 'Login About Advertising Developers Jobs Terms Find Friends Privacy Help'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows 'Internet' and '100%' zoom.

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Discussion Board Topic View

Topic: Mail-in GED

Displaying all 2 posts by 2 people.

Gabriela wrote on March 4, 2009 at 4:06pm
Hi,
Post #1 Is it possible for someone to earn a GED by mail?

Cassandra wrote on March 5, 2009 at 4:30pm
Post #2 Hi Gabriela - No, you cannot earn a GED credential by mail. You also cannot earn one online. The only way to earn a valid GED credential is by taking the GED Tests at an Official GED Testing Center.
There are 3,400 testing centers around the world and it's super easy to find one online at <http://www.GEDtest.org/locator>. All you have to do is enter your zip code and it will open a window with a list of nearby centers.
Thanks for asking this question - it can be very confusing with all those programs out there!

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Recent News

Another feature of the site is a place for recent news about the GED Tests. Several stories are in the news regarding fake GED testing programs.

Recent News

New York State Attorney General secures jail time and restitution in fake GED testing program case:
http://www.oag.state.ny.us/media_center/2009/mar/mar13a_09.html

Literacy Network of Stanislaus County (CA) honors adult learners:
<http://www.modbee.com/local/story/623765.html>

GED recipient earns doctorate and becomes school superintendent:
<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/features/education/story/426917.html>

New York Attorney General cracks down on "fake GED" testing program on Long Island:
http://www.oag.state.ny.us/media_center/2009/feb/feb4b_09.html

Facebook Background

Founded in February 2004, Facebook is a social utility that helps people communicate more efficiently with their friends, family and coworkers. The website's name refers to the paper facebook depicting members of a campus community that some US colleges and preparatory schools give to incoming students, faculty, and staff as a way to get to know other people on campus. Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook with fellow computer science major students and his roommates Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes while he was a student at Harvard University. Website membership was initially limited to Harvard students, but was expanded to other colleges in the Boston area, the Ivy League, and Stanford University. It later expanded further to include any university student, then high school students, and, finally, to anyone aged 13 and over. The website currently has more than 175 million active users worldwide. Facebook recently surpassed Myspace in amount of visitors, making Facebook the most popular social network, followed by MySpace and Twitter.

For More Information

Visit the Group for the Official Home of GED Tests at www.GEDtest.org/facebook.

GED Testing Service, a program of the American Council on Education, develops, delivers and safeguards the GED Tests. This article includes information from their site:

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/test/Intro_TestTaker.htm

ESL Online Classes

Submitted by Mary Grott

GED OnlineClass is making learning the English language a bit easier and feasible for individuals through a new online program. GED Online Class has paired with Rosetta Stone to offer students the opportunity to study English through a virtual setting. The best part? It's free.

This program is not designed to replace valuable teachers and classrooms, but to expand educational opportunities for students who either want to enhance their current skill set, in addition to attending classes; or for those who are unable to attend a physical classroom for a variety of reasons (childcare, work schedule, transportation, etc).

"We have a large number of students across the state that currently use the program," ESL Online Instructor Cody WalkerHolmes said."Our students are from varied backgrounds and locations, but all love the opportunity to study English on their own schedule. The students are often dedicated, even when studying on their own, and some have studied more than 150 hours using the programs. It's amazing and exciting to see their progress."

Students are required to take an initial pre-test before starting the program and every 90 days when possible. This testing allows the district to measure progress of the students. The ESL Online Classroom works in conjunction with local GED/ABE/ESL classrooms to schedule testing opportunities for the 'ESL Online only' students. Students who are enrolled in physical sites, may also enroll and their instructors may forward their CASAS test scores along with their enrollment information.

Students may enroll in the class by visiting the <http://www.eslonlineclass.com/> website. The 'Contact Us' option on the homepage allows students to start the enrollment process. Students will receive a response within 48 hours and will be advised how to proceed.

Aside from the Online English classroom opportunity, students have access to valuable links regarding family literacy, Missouri Career Center, Citizenship information, USA Learns (another online English program) and, if requested, more advanced writing/language/vocabulary work offered to GED Online students.

"I have walked students through the steps to search for employment using the Missouri Career Source and helped encourage students to further improve their skills by assigning them more challenging work. Once students know that people care and have their own 'personal cheerleader', the boundaries are eliminated and they will succeed at their own pace. Their intelligence levels and abilities are not necessarily evident in their ability to speak or use the English language correctly. This is very important for people to understand. As they say, teach a man how to fish..."

The ESL Online Class originally started as a pilot program for two areas within the state in April 2009. The program expanded state-wide in October 2009 and continues to grow on a daily basis. Please check out our web site at www.eslonlineclass.com.

Please make sure you are using the new enrollment form online that captures Race and Ethnicity Data for the NRS. It can be found on our website under the Teacher Resources Tab. The enrollment form can be completed electronically or printed for students to use. If you have any questions, please contact Cody WalkerHolmes at holmeswcody@rockwood.k12.mo.us.

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GED Testing News and Updates

GED Testing Service® offers a free online newsletter for adult education and testing professionals called *The Community*.

Delivered once-a-month, the newsletter will include:

- ✦ Updates on the new 2012 Series GED Tests
- ✦ Marketing information and resources from GED Testing Service and others
- ✦ Latest news and updates from GED Testing Service
- ✦ Spotlights on program happenings nationwide

Access to preparation and testing information that matters most to you

Sign up online by going to www.GEDtest.org/thecommunity .

Promoting Lifelong Learning

Help your students move a step closer to a college degree with *CenterPoint*. ACE's free monthly e-newsletter for lifelong learning and adult basic education professionals. *CenterPoint* highlights best practices in lifelong learning and higher education nationwide.

Delivered once-a-month, the newsletter features articles on topics such as:

- ✦ Profiling promising practices in higher education for adult workers in transition
- ✦ Higher education residential programs for single mothers to help them earn a college degree
- ✦ Higher education initiatives targeting adults to fill workforce gaps

National higher education initiatives to increase college degree completion among adults

To subscribe, go to <https://www.acenet.edu/resources/centerpoint/subscribe/>

The official website of the GED Testing Service, www.acenet.edu offers a wide array of useful information about the GED Tests, including sample test questions and study tips. GED Testing Service, a program of the American Council on Education, develops, delivers and safeguards the GED Tests.

2010 -2011 Pre-Certification Workshop Fact Sheet

Sponsored by the Professional Development Center

Missouri Adult Education and Literacy

Location: Howard Johnson (formerly the Best Western Columbia Inn)
3100 SE I-70 Drive, Columbia MO
573-474-6161

Times: All PCWs will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, with an optional
“Meet and Greet” on Friday evening from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Day 1: Breakfast from 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Workshop hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

Day 2: Breakfast from 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Workshop hours: 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Dates: September 25-26, 2010

November 20-21, 2010

January 8-9, 2011

March 5-6, 2011

April 2-3, 2011

Reservations may be made at any time by calling the hotel number 573-474-6161. Use a credit card to reserve the room, then at time of check-in, the registrant will be added to the PDC direct bill. DO NOT use an internet third party for reservations.

Local AEL program directors can enroll teachers by filling out the enrollment form found on the PDC website and emailing it to Beth Gross at bgross@mail.ncmissouri.edu

For more information about attendance, pre-workshop activities and post-workshop activities, look at the PDC website: www.maelpdc.org

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