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# FYiC 19+ Education

## Resource for: Adult Basic Education



### What's New?

On Aug. 8, 2017, The Province removed the ability for post-secondary institutions to implement fees for ABE (Adult Basic Education) courses, and ABE is now tuition-free.

### What is Adult Basic Education?

**Adult Basic Education in British Columbia, provides options for mature students who want to graduate high school, or take courses to meet post-secondary program requirements.**

#### These options include:

##### Graduating high school

- Complete courses as an adult learner (18 years or older) in one of the following programs:
- B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood)
- B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood)

##### Highschool Upgrading

- Selective highschool courses that are available for students who have already graduated high school and need to upgrade courses, in order to meet post secondary requirements, or other career training programs.

##### Learning English

- If English is not your first language, and you want to upgrade your skills, an English Language Learning (ELL) or English as a Second Language (ESL) course can help you to prepare for other academic or career training programs and meet the English language requirements for work.

##### Adult Special Education

- Adult Special Education (ASE) programs are offered at B.C. public post-secondary institutions to students with permanent disabilities or a combination of learning difficulties that hinder scholastic success.

(Adult students who have not graduated are eligible for special needs funding if they have special needs under certain circumstances, speak with Avis Lam, or talk to a representative from disability services, for inquiries)

### For more information visit:

[BC Gov - Adult Upgrading](#)

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