



LITERACY ACTION

Organizational Background

Literacy Action’s mission is to build better futures by empowering adults with literacy, life, and work skills, and our vision is to break the intergenerational cycle of low literacy and poverty.

Each year, we provide approximately 850 students with classes in adult basic education (including several levels of math and language arts), GED preparation, and English as a Second Language, as well as supplemental offerings in digital literacy, family literacy, and career development. Through an “E3” model focused on Education, Employment, and Economic Development, we provide our students with holistic support that integrates core educational and work-readiness services with access to vocational training, a strong employment network, and the types of career ladders that promote economic stability.

Schedule of Classes

Literacy Action operates on an 8-week quarter schedule (August-October, October-December, January-March, March-May), with specialized offerings during the summer. Classes for the October-December 2020 term beginning on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, are as follows:

Language Arts – Fundamentals	M/T/W/Th, 9-11 & 12-2
Language Arts – Intermediate	M/T/W/Th, 9-11, 12-2 & 4-6
Language Arts – Mixed/Inclusive	Th, 4-6
Math – Fundamentals	M/T/W/Th, 10-12
Math – Intermediate	M/T/W/Th, 2-4 & 4-6
Math – Mixed/Inclusive	Th, 4-6
ESL – Fundamentals	Th, 9-12
ESL – Advanced	M/W/Th, 9-12
GED Fast Track	W, 5-7 + W, 2-4
Maintenance Professional Certification	W, 4-6
Customer Service Certification	T, 4-6
Family Literacy	W, 4-6
Women’s Support Group	M, 12-1

Enroll Today!

Interested participants can call (404) 818-7323 or complete the pre-registration form at literacyaction.org/student-pre-registration. Our Academic Affairs team will be in touch shortly to schedule a virtual orientation!



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Program Overview

Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation

Literacy Action offers adult education classes across several levels of language arts and mathematics, as well as GED preparation and scholarships to cover testing fees. Qualifying students can enroll in an accelerated class that prepares them to take the GED exam in five weeks. All students supplement classroom instruction with 1:1 online support individualized to their learning needs.

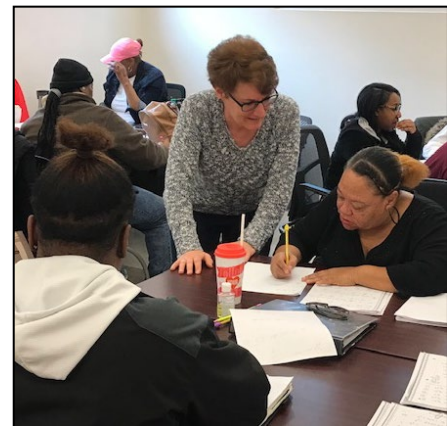


English as a Second Language

Literacy Action offers leveled English as a Second Language courses at its downtown Atlanta location as well as at Goodwill of North Georgia's Career Center in Decatur. We also offer weekly English conversation classes at nine local library branches (temporarily suspended due to COVID) and elective offerings in civics and citizenship preparation support as needed.

Pre-Certification Training

Literacy Action offers instructional programming for prospective Westside Works participants, designed to help individuals achieve the minimum math and reading levels required for entry into certification programs that provide direct training and job placement for CDA, CNA, culinary, construction, and IT careers. Literacy Action also co-teaches an IT Fundamentals course in partnership with Per Scholas that helps students improve their math and literacy skills while simultaneously building a foundation for future training in the IT sector. Additional partnerships with vocational certification providers are currently in development.



Student Spotlight: Michael (Intermediate Math, Microsoft Office)



I think the best thing about Literacy Action is that the students encourage each other to keep pushing. Everyone here has their own story, own goal, and is looking to learn.

Literacy Action keeps offering new opportunities for students to get new skills. While I am strengthening my math skills, I am also taking a Microsoft Office Certification test. My goal is to come out not only stronger in reading and math but with a certification that I can take to the next level!

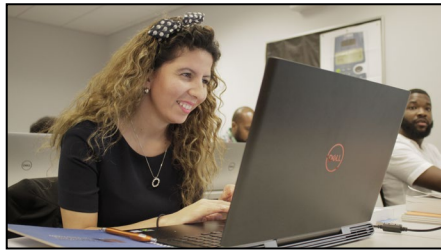


Digital Literacy

Through electives in basic and advanced digital literacy, keyboarding, iPad use, Microsoft Office, and more, adult learners are taught to become active participants in the digital age. Training on and unlimited access to an individualized online learning platform also strengthens students' digital skills while complementing their core academic classwork. Students have access to computers in the classroom and in an on-campus Success Center that they may access outside of class.

Family Literacy

There is a strong correlation between parental literacy and children reading on grade level. Literacy Action's family literacy elective ensures that parents and grandparents have both the literacy skills and knowledge of strong learning behaviors they need in order to reinforce what their children are learning in school, assist with homework, and more broadly support their children's academic success.



Work Readiness

Literacy Action's work readiness program builds on participants' other coursework to focus on reading and mathematics skills specific to a work environment. Students also receive training in the soft skills necessary to navigate a work environment; create resumes and cover letters; and access additional work-readiness opportunities including one-on-one career counseling, mock interviews, and an onsite job fair.

Support Services

Literacy Action offers work readiness counseling and referral as well as onsite workshops that are open to our entire student body. Topics include interviewing, resume writing, dressing for success, workplace rights, and more. Additional services include onsite vision, mental health, and HIV screenings and access to an emergency transportation fund. Literacy Action also provides referrals for wraparound services such as mental health care, childcare, housing assistance, and more.



Student Spotlight: Shanaya (GED Graduate)



What a difference a year makes! When I started Literacy Action last year, I was scared but knew that I needed to make a change for my future and for my kids. I was homeless, struggling to find steady work and raising two kids.

This year, I am proud to announce that I am a GED graduate and will be attending Atlanta Technical College for an Associate's Degree in Phlebotomy. I am so thankful for the Literacy Action program and all that its staff has done to support me and push me toward a better future.