

# Foothills Adult & Continuing Education

## NATIONAL EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM



*Because Competence  
Deserves  
Recognition*

High School Diploma  
For Adults

A program of



### What is the

### National External Diploma Program?

The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) is a high school diploma program for adults who acquired their academic skill through lifetime work experiences and can demonstrate what they've learned. NEDP measures academic and life skills, including:

Reading  
Critical Thinking  
Oral Communication  
Mathematics  
Writing

As well as:  
Self Awareness  
Consumer Awareness  
Occupational Awareness  
Scientific Awareness  
Social Awareness

#### Mission Statement

*Foothills Adult & Continuing Education, a program of EDUCATION CONNECTON, is a consortium of 16 school districts in western Connecticut, that works collaboratively to provide lifelong learning to adults in the communities we serve. Foothills offers adults a wide- variety of learning opportunities, including free mandated programs and fee-for-service enrichment classes, in a cost effective, quality environment at convenient locations. Foothills strives to enhance the lives of the adults in our consortium area.*



### Can my job and home management experience help satisfy the requirements?

As part of the National External Diploma Program, you are required to have an individualized skill. This skill can be demonstrated by:

- ❖ Training in a New Field
- ❖ Home Management Experience
- ❖ Advanced Academic Skills
- ❖ Documentation of a Current Occupation or Trade

Any of the above can help you to earn the high school diploma missed years ago.

### How do I “demonstrate” the skills I have?

Adults are asked to demonstrate skills in practical ways. For example, adults may be asked to:

- ✓ Read a newspaper or lease.
- ✓ Write a letter to a member of Congress or potential landlord.
- ✓ Measure for carpeting or compute interest on a charge card.

## How is the NEDP different from school?

Because it was designed especially for adults, the NEDP is:

- ◆ Self-paced
- ◆ Confidential
- ◆ Non-curriculum driven
- ◆ Does not require classes
- ◆ Conducted through one-to-one appointments with trained assessors

## The National External Diploma Program also:

- ◆ Offers flexible scheduling
- ◆ Requires complete mastery of skills
- ◆ Allows many skills to be completed at home
- ◆ Allows adults to choose own instructional resources

## Who chooses the National External Diploma Program?

Graduates of the National External Diploma Program are adults who are:

- \* Practical and highly skilled
- \* Usually 21 years or older
- \* Self-directed and mature
- \* Interested in confidentiality and recognize their life-long learning

## Is the National External Diploma Program a real diploma and can I use it to go to college?

**YES!** The diploma is issued by the local school board and is accepted by colleges. However, colleges may insist that adults meet other standards or take certain remedial course work.

## How long does it take?

Completion time varies with each individual, averaging from 6 months to one year.

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