



i-Pathways

**General Educational Development
 GED Online**

What is i-Pathways?

- i-Pathways is a hybrid approach where students work with both the GED and the i-Pathways instructor.
- Students take assessments and tests with a GED instructor at their local class site while instruction and study is online with the i-Pathways instructor.

Benefits of i-Pathways

- Flexibility to study at your own pace.
- No travel to and from class except for assessment and testing.
- Support from the i-Pathways instructor.
- Interactive lessons.
- Links to informative, relevant, and current web sites.

Fees

- A preparation fee of \$25.00 is charged once per fiscal year per student.
- There is a testing fee of \$75.00 for the five GED tests (\$15 per test).
- This fee can be waived if there is financial hardship, or if there is grant money available.

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Check us out on our web site

<http://www.niacc.edu/learningsupport/ipathways.html>

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Expectations

- You must want to set the goal of achieving your GED at the top of your priority list.
- You must be specific when you expect to achieve your GED.
- You must block three hours per week for GED study. This can be in 1/2 hour increments, but no less.
- You must submit a weekly calendar detailing hours you will be working toward your GED.
- You must be able to state specifically what it is you want to achieve and list the reasons why.
- You must regularly log onto the i-Pathways site and check your e-mail, portfolio, and calendar so you don't miss deadlines.
- You must meet course expectations outlined in the orientation.

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Procedures

- You will receive a student brochure which the GED instructor will review with you; and answer any questions.
- You must take a CASAS math and reading assessment during your initial visit to the traditional classroom.
- You must score **236** or above on each of your CASAS assessments which is at the 9th grade level.
- If not eligible, you cannot take another CASAS assessment or enroll in i-Pathways until you have completed 40 hours of class time at your local classroom.
- If eligible, you must contact the i-Pathways instructor by email **within 24-48 hours** of taking your assessments. This is your first assignment.
- Upon review, the i-Pathways instructor will determine if you are an appropriate candidate.
- If you are deemed an appropriate candidate, you will be sent an email with an orientation session, weekly study schedule and your second assignment.
- The assignment must be completed within a specified time frame. If not, this will result in your being eliminated from the program.

Skills

- You will be expected to use essential critical thinking skills.
- In the math module you will be required to work through story problems, compute answers, and perform calculations.
- You must be able to clearly communicate your thoughts in writing.
- You must have proficient word typing or processing skills.
- You will need to utilize your word processing and communication skills when typing essays.
- You must be able to post and read notices on the discussion board or the white board.
- You need to be able to move around a web site so you can reply to feedback and comments from your instructor.
- You must know and follow proper "Netiquette," which is the term for accepted rules for Internet usage.
- You must be able to prioritize tasks and follow through.