



Welcome!



# What's Next?

Transitioning after High School

# Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Why are we here?
  - We want students to be successful!
- COS/Access & Ability Center (AAC)
- Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
- Visalia Adult School (VAS)
- Tulare Adult School (TAS)
- Concluding Remarks

# Access & Ability Center

- Works to ensure equal access to education for students with disabilities by:
  - Providing academic accommodations to assist with barriers to learning
  - Encouraging self-advocacy, abilities, and skill development through various services
  - Offering LS Classes (1-2 units)



## Differences from High School to College

- In college, no more IEPs or 504 Plans. Instead, we have the Access and Ability Center.
- No more regularly scheduled teacher meetings – if you don't provide your teachers your Authorized Accommodation (AA) form, you won't be accommodated.
- Everyone has different goals in College.
- No Special Education classes in College; students get equal access.
- No assignment modifications. Students must meet expectations of the course instructor.
- A lot more decisions are up to the student.
- Class Schedules may fluctuate with time and days.
- There's no Bell Schedule – you have to (or, get to) manage your own time and schedule.

# Placement?

- There are no longer English and math placement
  - (Due to AB 705)
- All students seeking degree/transfer in college will be placed into transfer-level English and Math.
- Students pursuing a vocational certificate program do not need to complete general education courses.

# English & Math - Requirements

## Degrees

- **ENGL 001 (College Reading and Composition)** emphasizes writing, reading, thinking, familiarity with information technology, and research. This course requires a substantial research component and writing of a minimum of 6,000 words.

**AND**

- **MATH 010 (Structures and Concepts)** focuses on the development of quantitative reasoning skills through explorations of topics in mathematics. Emphasis is on comprehension, analysis of concepts, and applications of logical reasoning.

**OR**

- **MATH 021 (Intro to Statistics)** focuses on probability and statistics covering both descriptive and inferential statistics. Statistical software will be used throughout this course. Topics include measures of center and spread, probability, probability distributions, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, regression, and correlation analysis.

**OR**

- **Math 44 (College Algebra)** College level course in algebra: polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, absolute value, and logarithmic functions; systems of equations; theory of polynomial equations; analytic geometry.

## Certificates

- Math and English are not required to complete a certificate program.
- **Some basic math and basic English skills will still be required to complete course assignments.**

# Educational options at COS

## Associate Degree/Transfer

- Takes more time to complete (because general education courses are required). Degrees provide more career and transfer opportunities.
- Everyone starts in college-level courses.
- If you are not in 12<sup>th</sup> grade math/English and want to pursue a degree/transfer you can enroll in a concurrent support course for English and math
  - or you might consider strengthening English and Math skills at the Visalia Adult School before taking English & math at COS.
- Check COS Major list for degree and transfer options  
<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/student-support/counseling/major-sheets>

# Educational options at COS

## **Certificate/Vocational-Career Technical Education Programs (CTE)**

- Agriculture & Natural Resource
- Arts, Media & Entertainment
- Building Trades & Construction
- Education & Child Development
- Engineering & Design
- Fashion & Interior Design
- Finance & Business
- Health Science & Medical Technology
- Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing & Product Development
- Marketing, Sales, & Service
- Public Services
- Transportation

**Certificates can take less time to complete than pursuing a degree (general ed is not required for certificates). Prepares you for a very specific job field.**



# Understanding Course Load

- Units = Time Commitment
  - Most classes are 3-4 units
  - Number of units = Hours per week in class
  - Homework per week = Double your units/hours
  - Ex: 6 units = 6 hrs in class + 12 hrs h/w = 18 hrs/wk
  - Ex: 12 units = 12 hrs in class + 24 hrs h/w = 36 hrs/wk
- Full-time/Part-time Status
- Financial Aid Opportunities
  - Impact and possible ramifications of repayment



# Access & Ability Center

- 16 AAC Faculty & Staff (full-time/part-time)
- Testing Center
- Access Lab
- Assistive Technology Center
- Alternative Media
- Interpreting Services
- WorkAbility III (WA III)

# AAC Services

## Alternate Media

Audio Books/eText  
Braille Books  
Large Print  
Tactile Graphics

## Assistive Services

Assistive Technology (including training)  
Alternative Furniture Requests  
Authorized Accommodation Plan/Forms  
Counseling (academic, career)  
Priority Registration  
Readers/Writers (for tests only)  
Sign Language Interpreters  
Testing Center Services  
Virtual Access Lab (Zoom)

## WorkAbility III Employment Assistance

Employment preparation  
DOR Client

## Learning Assessments

## Equipment (Limited Quantity)

Adjustable Back and Seat Cushions  
Audio Recorders  
FM Systems/Amplification Devices  
Luggage Carts  
Magnifiers  
Note-taking Paper  
Spellchecker  
Smart Pens

## Liaison

Facilitate Student/Faculty Communication  
Referral to other COS Programs and Services  
Referral to Community Resources  
Seizure/Diabetes Notices  
Tutoring Referrals  
Encourage Self-Advocacy

## Learning Skills Classes

LS 320: Personal Development  
WEXP: Work Experience

# WorkAbility III (WA III)

- The WorkAbility III (WA III) has been at COS for over 10 years, the program is housed the Access & Ability Center Office (AAC)
- The WA III staff:
  - WA III Counselor/Coordinator
  - WA III Job Developer (currently vacant) and Student Worker
- The WA III program is a cooperative agreement between the College of the Sequoias AAC and California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
- The WA III program provides,
  - Vocational assessment
  - Employment services
  - Mock interviews
  - Employment portfolios
  - Work experience for Access & Ability students at COS
- For more information about WA III, please contact Brittney D. Faulkner at [brittneyf@cos.edu](mailto:brittneyf@cos.edu) or 559.468.6585



# AAC Enrollment Process

- 1. Complete a COS Web Application**
- 2. Submit Paperwork to Sign Up for the Access & Ability Center**
- 3. Attend the Intake Appointment to Receive AAC Services**
- 4. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Dream Act Application.**
- 5. Register for classes**
- 6. Complete COS Orientation**
- 7. Stay in Touch – Contact us regularly for ongoing support, as well as to keep up to date with your services and AAC accommodations.**

<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/Access-Ability/Pages/High-School-to-College.aspx>

For Teachers/Counselors: email [kyleca@cos.edu](mailto:kyleca@cos.edu) for AAC Outreach Info

# Contact Us

**Thank you!**

(559) 730–3805

AAC@cos.edu

[www.cos.edu/aac](http://www.cos.edu/aac)

***Questions??***

North Sequoia Room 10, Visalia COS campus



DEPARTMENT of  
REHABILITATION

## **Vision**

Employment, independence  
and equality for all  
Californians with disabilities

Established 1963

# About Us



- Celebrated 65th year in 2020
  - Transitioned to a team concept
- Serve over 100,000 Californians annually
- 87 DOR offices throughout California
  - Visalia branch covers Tulare and Kings counties
- **2011-2020 929 successful placements in Visalia Office**



# Eligibility Criteria for DOR Services

- The individual must have a physical or mental impairment
- The impairment(s) constitutes or results in a significant impediment to employment
- VR services are required to secure, retain, or regain employment

# VR Services

- Career Assessment & Counseling
- Development of Vocational Rehabilitation Plan
- Career Education & Training
- Tuition, Books, Transportation
- Job Search and Interview Skills
- Assistive Technology

# Orientation



- Those interested in DOR services can call 559-735-3838 for a link to an online orientation video.
  - Application packet will be sent
  - Appointment will be scheduled for an intake

## Any Questions?



Visit [www.dor.ca.gov](http://www.dor.ca.gov) for more information on Programs and Services available to Californians with a disability

**DOR** DEPARTMENT of  
REHABILITATION  
Employment, Independence & Equality

**Visalia**

**ADULT SCHOOL**

*Changes Lives!*

**VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# Visalia Adult School

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**

**Citizenship**

**Adult Basic Education (ABE)**

**High School Equivalency (HSE)**

**Spanish GED**

**High School Diploma (HSD)**

**Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)**

**Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)**

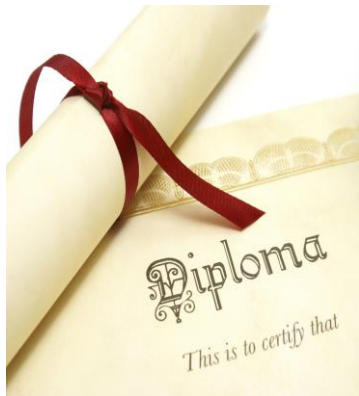
**Medical Assistant (MA)**

**Medical Billing and Coding**

**Medical Terminology**

**Care Giver**

**Child Care**



# Visalia Adult School

**Visalia**



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**Welding  
Electrical  
Logistics**

**Basic construction**

**Office Skills**

**Microsoft Office**

**Google**

**Adults with Disabilities (AWD)**

**Adult Transition Program (AWD)**

**Jail Program – HiSet, Electrical, Logistics**



American Welding Society

**Some classes offered in hybrid/hyflex model**

# Visalia Adult School

## Locations

### **Visalia Adult School Main Campus**

**3110 E. Houston**

**Classes Daily 8am-3pm**

**Tuesday - Thursday 6pm-8pm**

### **Downtown Visalia Campus**

**Located in Proteus**

**224 NW 3rd**

**Classes Daily 8am-3pm**

### **Visalia Adult School at Veva Blunt**

**Elementary**

**1119 Chinowth St**

**Tuesday - Thursday 4pm-6pm**

### **Visalia Adult School at Conyer**

**814 S Sowell St**

**Tuesday - Thursday 4pm-6pm**

### **Visalia Adult School Houston Campus**

**1200 N Giddings**

**Classes Daily 8am-3pm**

### **Visalia Adult School at VCIS**

**1821 Meadow Ave**

**Tuesday - Thursday 4pm-6pm**

### **Visalia Adult School Ivanhoe Campus**

**16030 Ave 332**

**Ivanhoe, CA 93235**

**Tuesday - Thursday 4pm-6pm**

### **Visalia Adult School Exeter Campus**

**Located at Exeter High School**

**505 Rocky Hill Drive**

**Exeter, CA 93221**

**Tuesday - Thursday 5:30pm-8:30pm**

**Creative Center and Able Industries**



# Enrollment Process

- Must be 18 years or older
- Contact Visalia Adult School at:  
**559.730.7646**
- Schedule a counseling appointment:  
**Lydia Borquez, Counselor**



To enroll online go to:

**<https://visaliasdultschool.asapconnected.com>**

Or visit our website:

**<https://www.vusd.org/AdultSchool.cfm>**



**The Commission granted TAS with a six-year Accreditation Status through June 30, 2023**



# Current Programs



- Adult Basic Education (ABE): Tulare, Pixley
- Adult Secondary Education (ASE): Tulare, Pixley
  - High School Diploma
  - General Educational Development (GED) (English and Spanish Classes)
- Career Technical Education Programs (CTE): Tulare
  - Clinical and Administrative Medical Assisting
  - Nurse Assistant
  - Phlebotomy
  - Vocational Nursing
    - LVN Prerequisites: Anatomy & Physiology; Medical Math; Medical Terminology; Nutrition
- English as a Second Language (ESL): Tulare, Pixley, Earlimart
  - EL Civics and Citizenship Preparation



## Perennial Favorites

- Integrated Education and Training (IET) Classes
  - Combination Welding
  - Culinary Arts
  - Office Occupations



## Spring Enrollment 2022 Dates

- Enrollment Starts November 1st for all Academic Classes, Combination Welding, and Medical Prerequisites
- **Orientation** Sign Ups for Nurse Assistant and MA are happening now

**Enroll Online**

**[tulareadultschool.asapconnected.com](http://tulareadultschool.asapconnected.com)**



**Questions?**



## Classes and Fees

### Classes Free of Charge:

- Adult Basic Education
- GED Preparation
- High School Diploma Classes
- English as a Second Language (ESL)

### Vocational Classes:

*(All fees are per semester and due before the first day of class)*

- **Welding:**  
\$325.00 for 1 class per week, \$575 for 2 classes per week  
\$825 for 3 classes per week
- **Pottery:** \$125.00
- **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA):** \$800.00

### MONEY ORDERS or CASHIERS CHECKS

are the **ONLY** forms of payment accepted

Make payment out to: HANFORD ADULT SCHOOL.

**\*\*NO OTHER FORMS OF PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED!\*\***

*Hanford Adult School*

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WWW.HJUHSD.ORG/HAS

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday – Friday**

**7:30am – 4:30pm**

**CTE CLASSES  
CURRENTLY ON  
HOLD**