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Cornerstones Career Learning Center
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Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) programs help adults learn basic skills needed to achieve their career and academic goals. AEL providers across South Dakota offer classes in:
- General Educational Development (GED®) preparation
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Skills training
- Career readiness

Based on learners’ needs and interests, the classes provide an open and stimulating learning environment. AEL’s skills training and career preparation can help students succeed in interviews, earn promotions, or continue their education. With student-driven courses, AEL classes help learners reach their goals.

Why AEL?

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In South Dakota

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50% of Adult Education participants were employed after taking part in the program.

“I think my hard work and English helped me get a raise!”

As a student of Workplace English Language, Emmanuel has learned how to apply his English skills both in and out of the workplace.

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“With the support of the Career Learning Center, I was able to enroll in the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board Pathways to Healthcare Program.” 

Asley has one test left to earn her GED certificate. She plans to enroll at Western Dakota Tech and earn a nursing degree.

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