

GED Graduation



Through MI's GED preparation program, more than 400 low-income immigrants, men and women, have successfully passed their GED exam. MI holds a

graduation ceremony in May to celebrate students who have obtained their diploma and want to share their success with family and friends.

In this course, I received all the help I needed in order to successfully take and pass the aptitude test that allows one to obtain a GED diploma. This course offering makes a huge difference in the lives of those who never had the opportunity to complete high school. I wish to first of all thank the Multicultural Institute for having brought this program to my community, the Latino community, in our language (Spanish). Also it was very helpful that I could attend this class in my own neighborhood.

Janette Rivera Salas, GED student

About the Multicultural Institute

We accompany immigrants in their transition from poverty and isolation to prosperity and participation

Founded in 1991, the Institute has continually nurtured partnerships with diverse civic, business and religious leaders.

A board of directors oversee MI's work.

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General Educational Development (GED)

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What is the GED Program?

The GED Program prepares Spanish-speaking adults for the General Education Development (GED) exam, which certifies that a person has high school-level academic skills. At the core of the GED Program is an intensive, six-week course taught in Spanish and offered multiple times during the year.



The course prepares students with basic education for the current GED computer-based test areas: Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA), Social Studies, Science, and mathematics. Students who pass the test receive the GED Certificate. Class size ranges from 10-15 students.

How GED Students Benefit



Most of the students going through this program have completed high school education or above in their native countries. For them, obtaining a GED diploma represents a first step towards revalidating their education in order to better their employment

opportunities, meet employers' criteria, achieve self-sufficiency, or advance their education. Moreover, passing the GED in Spanish now--rather than in English years from now--makes excellent sense for Spanish speakers still improving English-language skills.

GED Program Highlights

- ♦ GED preparation course in the East Bay conducted in Spanish, for those whose limited English language skills prevent them from taking the test in English.
- ♦ With daily homework framed in GED format, as well as an official practice test, students have plenty of opportunities to prepare and practice for the real test, which they take after the end of the intensive course.
- ♦ Rather than a commitment of many months, MI's intensive course lasts only six weeks, so working adults can stick with the course and pass their exam much sooner.



A GED Success Story

Ana, an immigrant from Guatemala, finished high school in her home country almost 30 years ago. She decided to enroll in MI's program to prepare for the GED exam because she wanted to pass the test to perhaps one day quit her exhausting job and open up her own business.



Showing up to class early every day she was always eager to learn despite being tired after a full shift at her house-cleaning job. Ana took the GED exam and passed it with an excellent score.

Now that she has achieved this goal, she feels more confident about helping her children with their school work and is making plans for her house cleaning company startup.