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# The Adult Ed Edge

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## **GED** **GED Alerts: Changes for 2014**

**NEW GED TEST COMING JANUARY 2014.** The current version of the GED test is expiring at the end of 2013. Test scores from the old version will *not* carry over. Finish the test now so you won't have to re-take the parts you've already passed.

The new version of the GED test, aligned with common core standards, will be completely computer-based. It will have two levels: a Core Knowledge GED and, if scores are high enough to qualify, an additional performance level that will certify readiness for college and career.

Madawaska & MSAD #33 Adult and Community Education is currently enrolling new GED learners and welcoming those who may have portions of the GED test to complete or retake.

**THE GED TEST IS NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE.** Beware of "schools" that advertise earning your GED online. The official, recognized GED must be taken in person at an approved GED testing site.

*"With a high school credential, more doors open-to a better job, college, and the respect you deserve."*

## Who is *France McDermott?*

- ◆ Mother of 2 sons
- ◆ Former Local Restaurant Owner
- ◆ Cook
- ◆ Seamstress
- ◆ Adult Ed. College Transitions Student
- ◆ U.S. Citizen Applicant
- ◆ Aspiring UMFK Learner
- ◆ All of the Above

**Put Yourself on the  
Path to Success!**

Call  
Madawaska/MSAD #33  
Adult & Community  
Education @ 728-6314

**Talk to them about Your future NOW!**

### YOUR FUTURE IS CALLING

To learn more about GED Preparation Services and Testing:  
Contact your official GED test Center:

**Madawaska & MSAD #33 Adult and Community Education**  
135 Seventh Avenue, Madawaska **728-6314**



### **Senior Health**

Our NEW *Senior Health* class, located at Montfort Heights in St. Agatha, has been learning about body changes, common health concerns, medications, health insurance, and preventing falls/accidents. This 8-week class was facilitated by Louise Hebert, RN.

## **Faces of Adult Ed -**

### **A Learner Profile**



My decision to enroll in Madawaska Adult Education's College Transitions classes has proven to be very rewarding, and my experiences have exceeded my expectations. I am reviewing reading, writing,

*France McDermott* and math to be successful at the college level, and I no longer let math intimidate me.

For years the thought of going back to school often crossed my mind, but as a single mother of two sons, I made family a priority. However, after becoming unemployed, I realized the time was right to enroll in something positive, and I encourage everybody to think that way about education.

Let your tax dollars work for you. Enroll today in "FREE" adult education classes and help your dreams come true. I am proud to have taken that step. My time has come, and I plan to follow my education and earn a degree in Social Work through the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

### **DID YOU KNOW . . .**



Maine families spend about **\$1 million extra** for remediation classes that do NOT earn credits toward a degree program.





**DID YOU  
KNOW . . .**

**28% of College freshman need at least  
1 remedial course =  
Extra cost, 0 credits toward degree program**

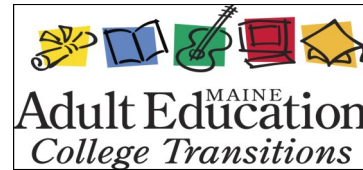


## **College Transitions:**

**Have you ever said "I will go to college . . . Someday? Is now the time?"**

Madawaska/MSAD #33 Adult & Community Education is currently enrolling students for the Spring Semester College Transitions Program to begin **January 15, 2013**. Our *tuition-free* College Transitions program provides college readiness assistance to adults and recent high school graduates:

- ◆ College placement testing (Accuplacers)
- ◆ College application & financial aid procedures
- ◆ Career Exploration
- ◆ Free college preparation classes in reading & writing, math, and computer applications.
- ◆ Counseling & connections to college programs in our area and beyond.



If you have a high school diploma or a GED and would like assistance on your ROAD TO COLLEGE, please call either Christine Cowie or Stacey Cyr at **728-6314**.

GED Candidates and students in an adult education diploma program may also apply.

**A pre-program interview and screening are required.**



## **MS Office 2010: Madawaska/MSAD #33 Adult Ed. Upgrades**

Madawaska & MSAD #33 Adult and Community Education received grant funding during the 2011-2012 school year that assisted in the upgrade of the *Microsoft Office Suite* available for all adult education computer classes located at Madawaska Middle/High School. *Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point* and

*Publisher* have all been updated to the *MS 2010* version and our program is ready to provide training in these applications. There are many enhanced features and changes in how to access the existing features. The addition of the ribbon now puts many features at your fingertips.

If you have an interest in classes featuring the *MS Office 2010* programs, please call the **Madawaska & MSAD #33 Adult and Community Education Office** at **728-6314** to share what class you have an interest in, your name, and phone number. Once we have enough interest, we will deliver the class.

### **US History (HIS 123)**

Instructor: Paul Buck

Tuesday 6-9 PM 1/15 - 5/7/13

Madawaska Middle/High School (207)

A survey of the political, economic, social & cultural forces that shaped American history from European exploration to the end of the Civil War.

### **Applied Math (MAT 119)**

Instructor: Charles Collins

Tues./Thurs. 6-8 PM 1/15 - 5/9/13

St. John Valley Tech Center (117)

Review & strengthen understanding of fundamental algebra measurement, geometry, and problem solving.

### **Ergonomics (PHE 124)**

Instructor: John Doucette

M - F (5 sessions) 6-9 PM 1/7-1/11/13

Madawaska Middle/High School (217)

Increase awareness of occupational injuries & learn how to equip yourself to sustain stresses associated with work.



## **NMCC Off-Campus Center**

### **Spring Schedule**

**Available for Early College**

*High school Juniors & Seniors may be able to take a class tuition free & transfer credits to the college of their choice.*

*Call Sandy Cyr, the*

*Off-Campus Center adviser: 551-5781*

### **Sociology (SOC 111)**

Instructor: Dona Saucier

Thursday 6-9 PM 1/17 - 5/9/13

Madawaska Middle/High School (207)

Introduces basic concepts and descriptive materials of sociology, including society, culture, social organization, social mitigation, and social and cultural change.

### **English Composition (ENG 111)**

Instructor: Mark Kelly

Monday 3:30-6:30 PM

1/14 - 5/13/13

Madawaska Middle/High School (306)

Basic writing course intended to strengthen the student's ability to write clearly in either an academic or non-academic setting. The course will cover grammar, paragraph organization, the essay and the research paper with a strong emphasis on revision.

### **Industrial Safety (SAE 121)**

Instructor: Paul Ouellette

Tuesday 6-9 PM 1/15 - 5/7/13

Madawaska Middle/High School (217)

Designed as a program to review 1910 standards, causes of industrial/occupational accidents, & preventive measures. An OSHA 30-hour Outreach Program Certification card will be available at the completion of the program.

**Classes are available to the public. Try a college class at a Community College price! \$86/credit**