

BC3 sets dates for free adult literacy classes

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College's free adult literacy classes that prepare students for high school equivalency diploma tests will begin the 2021-2022 fiscal year through remote instruction or through face-to-face instruction at two locations in Butler.

Remote instruction classes are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning July 12.

Face-to-face classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, or from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 13. Morning classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church Ministry Center, 200 E. North St.; and afternoon classes, at Pennsylvania CareerLink, 112 Hollywood Drive.

Remote instruction includes video conferencing, email and Internet-based learning management system formats. Courses are held at a specific time. Students must have internet access, a computer, microphone and webcam, or a smartphone.

BC3's adult literacy classes equip students to take General Education Development examinations that measure proficiency in language arts, which includes reading and writing; and in mathematics, science and in social studies.

Just over 5 percent of Butler County residents at least age 25 did not hold at least a high school diploma between 2015 and 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The dropout rate among Butler County public school districts in the 2019-2020 academic year ranged from 0.2 percent to 1.79 percent, according to the state Department of Education, which considered enrollment in Grades 7-12 as of Oct. 1, 2019.

A dropout is a student who leaves school before graduation without transferring to another school or institution, according to the state Department of Education.

BC3's adult literacy program will also offer tutoring this summer to students enrolled in English as a second language courses.

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