**In Your Classes**

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| *Adult Education…* | *College…* |
| Attendance is encouraged (minimum 75%). | Attendance may be mandatory (more than 75%). You may be dropped from class if you don’t attend. |
| You might set the pace for your own learning. | The pace is fast and set by the instructor. |
| You might be allowed to retake tests, including the GED subtests. | Test retakes are very uncommon. |
| You can make up missed work. | You may or may not be able to make up missed work. |
| You will work with **high school level** materials. | You will work with **college level** materials. |
| You don’t earn grades in your classes, but you can ask your teacher how you are doing. | Grades are earned and become your Grade Point Average (GPA), which determines satisfactory academic progress. |
| If you don’t finish your work, you may be allowed to continue on it during the next session. | If you don’t finish your work by the end of the semester, your grade will be affected; you might even fail a class. |
| Your classes might be fairly small, under 30 students. | Your classes might be larger, up to 80 students or more. |

**Outside of Class**

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| *Adult Education…* | *College…* |
| You might not have daily homework, or homework may be encouraged, but not required. | You will have daily homework. Plan to read/ study/do homework for 2 hours for every 1 hour you spend in class. |
| You might do some of the math, reading, or writing assignments **during class.** | You will do your math, reading, and writing assignments **outside** of class. |
| Readings may emphasize shorter passages. | Readings will be longer essays, including full length chapters and entire books. |
| Readings may include charts or graphs from high school materials. | Readings will contain charts and graphs from college textbooks. |

**Your Teachers**

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| *Adult Education…* | *College…* |
| Your teachers take a personal interest in you. | Your teachers may pay less attention to you, unless you ask them for assistance. |
| Your teachers care about you. | Your teachers care about you, but may not get to know you as well. |
| Teachers focus on students first. | Teachers focus on the subject first. |
| Teachers are available before or after class. | Teachers hold special office hours when you can meet with them. |

**Resources and Support**

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| *Adult Education…* | *College…* |
| Tutors may not be available, but there may be a classroom assistant or computers. | There are Tutoring Centers available for extra help. |
| Your teacher will assist you with planning. | You have an advisor who can help you plan your academic schedule. |
| There are special programs to prepare for some careers. | There is a Career Center to help you plan your career path. |
| There will not be health services. | There may be a clinic on campus. |
| You can connect with students on your own. | There are organized student groups that can help you connect with others. |
| Courses are free, so no financial aid help is needed. | You can meet with a financial aid officer to get help applying for aid. |
| Courses are free, so no scholarships are needed. | There are scholarships that you can apply for. |
| Your teachers may be able to refer you to outside agencies. | There may be a referral/resource center to help you find housing, child care, etc. |

**Tips and Preparation**

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| *For Adult Education…* | *For College…* |
| Practice on the computer as much as you can. | Learn to type on a computer keyboard. |
| Even though class may be flexible, organize child care to maximize your success. | Plan for child care so you can attend classes. Don’t rely on favors; use reliable services. |
| Communicate with your teacher immediately if you have a problem. | Communicate with your teacher immediately if you have a problem. |
| Introduce yourself to some classmates and plan to study together. | Introduce yourself to some classmates and plan to study together. |
| Get a library card and check out books to read that you enjoy. | Read books from the library on many topics to build background knowledge. |
| Watch the news to learn more about current events. | Watch the news to learn more about current events. |

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