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Project AHEAD

Your Guide

Program Philosophy

The philosophy is...simple!

Students learn best when they receive individualized attention. Students respond when they are encouraged and respected. Students succeed when they are assured and engaged in accomplishing their educational goals.

The need is...great!

For many potential students, college might seem like an intimidating environment; a world removed from their current realities. Some students, especially adults, need assistance and direction—a personal, one-on-one approach that nurtures the confidence they need for success in the college classroom.



The solution is...Project AHEAD!

Project AHEAD is an initiative designed to support low-income adults who traditionally do not possess the skills, resources, or self-determination to enter college. Developed by Chattanooga State, Project AHEAD intervenes and guides students in making wise decisions and maintaining their enthusiasm throughout their college experience. Project AHEAD prepares students for success at Chattanooga State and ultimately, in life.

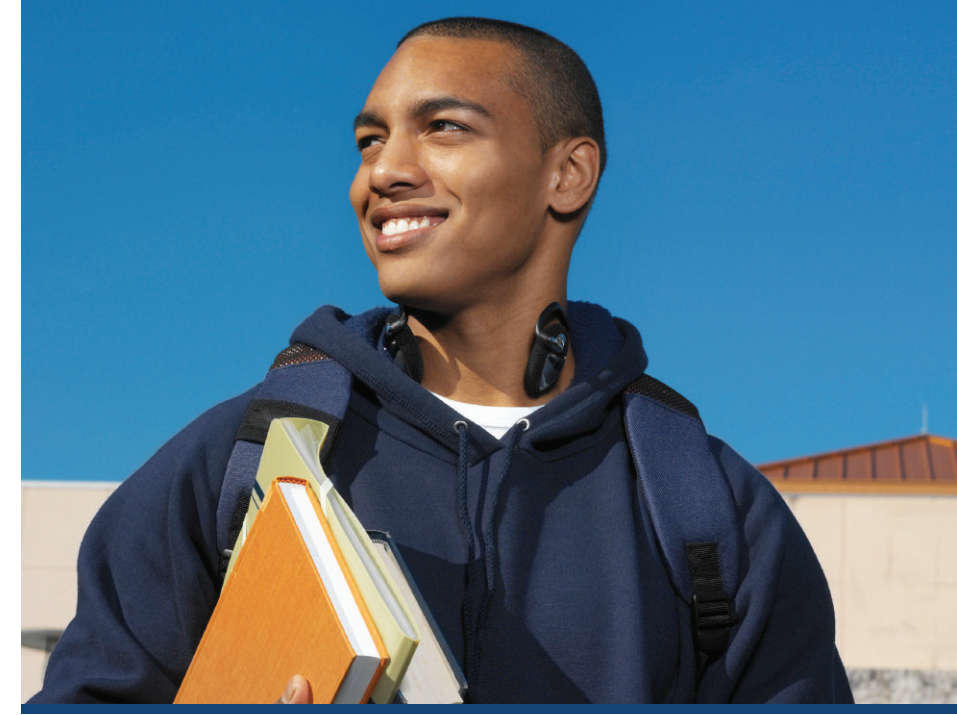
Project AHEAD is...comprehensive!

Project AHEAD offers educational, personal, financial and instructional assistance to support adult students as they navigate and manage the challenges of college. The Project AHEAD core elements include:

- Student engagement
- Individual assessment
- Establishment of personal/academic goals
- Personalized mentoring
- Career exploration
- Life skills training
- Work skills training
- Managing responsibilities
- Adult Education/Basic skills remediation
- Connection to community resources

Outcomes data:

Initiated in 2002, Project AHEAD has served 1027 individuals. Of those served, 76% continue to pursue their educational goals by transferring into college-level courses.



Project AHEAD creates...success!

“The Project AHEAD program accepted me and showed me that I can do anything I put my mind to. The staff became a part of my family and helped me through the tears, the laughs and even the moments of uncertainty.”

Tonya Dunagan, age 30

“Project AHEAD supported me in my time of need, lending an ear to hear my problems. The encouragement was wonderful and helped me build a future for myself.”

Tommy Baldwin, age 47

“The Project AHEAD classes were always interesting. I enjoyed reading the materials and participating in the activities. With Project AHEAD’s support, I know I will have a better life.”

Natalie Carmichael, age 41

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