

**GED**  
(General Education Diploma)

**In place of a High School Diploma**

- Resume Builder
- Job Promotion
- Workforce Entry

**Not For:**

- Post-secondary entrance
- Not necessary if you have a high school diploma

**Time Frame**

- 3 month course and 1 exam (over 2 days)

**Upgrading**

**Junior High and High School courses**

- For post-secondary entrance
- Further education
- Build up to a GED level

**Not For:**

- Resume building (until your final credential is done)

**Time Frame**

- 3-5 months per course
- Dependant on goal

## Steps toward GED or Upgrading



## Placement Assessments

**October 22, 23, 24, 25, 26**

@ NorQuest College, Drayton Valley Campus - 5400 22 Ave, Drayton Valley (9am or 1pm)

@ NorQuest College, Edmonton Campus - 10215 106 Street, Edmonton (9am or 1pm)

@ Stony Plain – location to-be-determined (time based on demand)

@ Spruce Grove - location to-be-determined (time based on demand)

**October 29, 30**

@ NorQuest College, Edmonton Campus - 10215 106 Street, Edmonton (9am or 1pm)

@ any other location as requested

### To Schedule:

Send the following information

- Your Full Name
- Your Contact Phone Number
- Your preferred writing location
- Your preferred writing date/time

By email to [tracy.topolnitsky@norquest.ca](mailto:tracy.topolnitsky@norquest.ca) or via text to 780-914-2868

Please submit your request **at least 2 business days in advance** of your desired writing

## Build a Plan

After placement testing an academic advisor will contact you to set up a 1-on-1 in person or telephone based advising session. During this session you will have the opportunity to discuss your assessment results and your goals. The advisor will recommend a course of action in order to reach your desired goals. You will also receive a written recommendation letter regarding the next steps in your academic journey.

At this time you can also decide if you wish to enrol in an online course with NorQuest (costs will be covered as part of this partnership).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What is a GED?*

GED stands for General Educational Diploma and is an alternative to a high school diploma. It is frequently used for employment purposes and job promotions. It is rarely accepted for post-secondary entrance.

### *If I have a High School Diploma, do I need a GED?*

No, if you already have a High School Diploma, you do not require a GED.

### *If I have a high school diploma, do I need Upgrading?*

Possibly. Depending on the courses you took in high school as well as how long ago you took them, you may need to upgrade. This will depend on the post-secondary program you are interested in. View the website of the post-secondary institute you'd like to attend in order to determine what the academic entrance requirements are and then see if you have those. If not, you will need to upgrade.

For example, many students completed Math 24 (or a similar) in high school and received a high school diploma. However, to take Power Engineering at Nait, they require Math 30-1. So, any student with only Math 24 will need to upgrade, regardless of whether they have a high school diploma or not.

These are the sorts of details that an academic advisor will go through with you.

### *I have a GED, do I need to write the apprenticeship entrance exam?*

No, both are not required. However, a GED is still valuable to have on your resume if you don't have a high school diploma.

### *This is overwhelming. I don't know what I want my next career to be. Where do I start?*

1. The government of Alberta has created an amazing website that profiles all available jobs in Alberta. The website lists entrance requirements, academic paths, job prospects, and average salaries. This is an excellent place to start when you aren't sure what you'd like to do next.

Find it at <https://alis.alberta.ca/>

2. Write a placement assessment and meet with an advisor to help set up your future academic direction.