

## AEL Program Providers

### ABERDEEN

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center**  
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Aberdeen, SD 57401  
605.622.0010  
[www.cornerstonescareer.com](http://www.cornerstonescareer.com)

### BROOKINGS

**Lake Area Technical College Adult Education and Literacy**  
2301 Research Park Way, Suite 160  
Brookings, SD 57006  
605.902.3182  
[www.lakeareatech.edu/academics/adult-education-literacy](http://www.lakeareatech.edu/academics/adult-education-literacy)

### HURON

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center**  
33 Third St. SE, Suite 202  
605.353.7175  
[www.cornerstonescareer.com](http://www.cornerstonescareer.com)

### MITCHELL

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center**  
1315 N. Main, Suite 102  
Mitchell, SD 57301  
605.995.8927  
[www.cornerstonescareer.com](http://www.cornerstonescareer.com)

### RAPID CITY & BLACK HILLS AREA

*(Belle Fourche, Custer, Hot Springs, Spearfish, Sturgis)*  
**Career Learning Center of the Black Hills**  
730 E. Watertown St.  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
605.394.5120  
[www.clcbh.org](http://www.clcbh.org)

### SIOUX FALLS

**Lutheran Social Services' Center for New Americans**  
300 E. 6th St., Suite 100  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
605.731.2040  
[www.lsssd.org](http://www.lsssd.org)

### Southeast Technical College

2320 North Career Place  
Sioux Falls, SD 57107  
605.367.7997

### WATERTOWN

**Lake Area Technical College Adult Education and Literacy**  
1201 Arrow Ave.  
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PO Box 730  
Watertown, SD 57201  
605.882.5284 ext.310

### VERMILLION

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center**  
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Vermillion, SD 57069  
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### YANKTON

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center**  
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Yankton, SD 57078  
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### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Sioux Falls, SD 57117  
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**programs** help adult learn basic skills needed to achieve their career and academic goals.

AEL providers across South Dakota offer classes in

- General Educational Development (GED®) preparation
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Skills training
- Career readiness

Based on learners' needs and interests, the classes provide an open and stimulating learning environment.

AEL's skills training and career preparation can help students succeed in interviews, earn promotions or continue their education. With student-driven courses, AEL classes help learners reach their goals.

## In South Dakota

**249** Adult Education participants earned their GED® credential.  
(Program year 2021-22)

**56%** of Adult Education participants were employed after taking part in the program.



*"I think my hard work and English helped me get a raise!"*

As a student of Workplace English Language, **Emmanuel** has learned how to apply his English skills both in and out of the workplace.



*"With the support of the Career Learning Center, I was able to enroll in the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Pathways to Healthcare Program."*

**Ashley** has one test left to earn her GED certificate. She plans to enroll at Western Dakota Tech and earn a nursing degree.



*"I have discovered many things I did not know about before, especially in job interview class."*

Since arriving in the U.S. four months ago, **Timas** is learning English and gaining job skills through AEL programs. The communication and job skills he has gained have already led to two job interviews.



**AEL Success Stories:**  
[dlr.sd.gov/aelsuccess](http://dlr.sd.gov/aelsuccess)

## Why AEL?

More than **36 million** American adults struggle to read, write, do math, and use technology above a third grade level.



Children of parents with low literacy skills have a **72%** chance of being at the lowest reading levels.

Minimum wage workers' wages increased by **18%-25%** within 18 months of exiting an adult education program.



**\$230 billion** per year in health care costs are linked to low literacy skills.



Immigrants and children are expected to make up **all** the labor force growth in the U.S.