Compensatory Education

Durham Tech’s Compensatory Education program can help expand your horizons and open doors to new opportunities.

What is compensatory education?
Compensatory education is a community college program designed specifically for adults with developmental disabilities. The goal of the program is to help individuals acquire basic and life skills to become more independent and self-directed.

Compensatory education courses are free of charge and are available on the main campus and at various sites in Durham and Orange counties weekdays and evenings. To obtain a schedule of upcoming classes or for enrollment information, please call 919-536-7218 x3104.

A variety of classes are offered throughout the year:

**Functional academics**
- Reading skills
  - Communication skills
  - Functional information
  - Phonics
  - Comprehension
  - Enrichment
- Writing skills
  - Printing
  - Sentence/paragraph structure
  - Spelling
  - Grammar
- Math skills
  - Number knowledge
  - Time telling
  - Basic money skills
  - Math computation
  - Calculators
- Social science
  - Geography
  - American history
  - Civics

**Community living**
- Home management
- Financial literacy
- Work literacy skills

**Leisure and humanities**
- Leisure awareness
- Visual arts appreciation
- Music appreciation
- Dance appreciation
- Drama/theatre appreciation
- Sign language
- Technology/computer

**Health and safety**
- Physical health
  - Human body
  - Hygiene
  - Nutrition
  - Physical fitness
  - Human sexuality
- Mental health
  - Self-concept/personal awareness
  - Socialization
  - Self-advocacy
- Personal safety
  - Safety in the home
  - First aid
  - Medical terms/medications
  - Animal safety
  - Safety in travel
  - Internet safety

Eligibility and Requirements:
To be eligible to participate in the Compensatory Education program, an individual must be 18 years old and must be diagnosed with an intellectual disability or function on an equivalent level resulting from a head injury.

To enroll in the Compensatory Education program, the following information is needed:
- Documentation of an intellectual disability or traumatic brain injury, signed by a physician, licensed psychiatrist, or licensed psychologist.
- Completion of the admissions process, which includes assessment and orientation.
- Case manager’s data form and emergency contact information.

For more information about course content, registration, or placement into classes, call 919-536-7218 x3014 or visit durhamtech.edu/ccr/compensatory.htm.