

# WHAT'S NEXT AFTER THE GED®

## CONTINUING THE JOURNEY AFTER YOU CREDENTIAL

Congratulations! You accomplished something amazing. Now that you've earned your GED® credential, it's time to focus on what comes next to set you up for success. Whether it's earning a promotion at work, expanding your skills, or starting a new career, we have you covered with additional resources and supports.

### CAREER ASSISTANCE

The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) can help support your next career goals. DLR offers a variety of self-directed resources designed to enhance your skills, build your resume, and prep you for interviews.

DLR also offers **FREE** virtual, instructor-led workshops that cover topics like:

- Job search tips
- Foundational workplace skill development
- Financial literacy



For more information about services, visit [dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/online.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/online.aspx) or schedule an appointment with an Employment Specialist by calling (605) 773-3372.

### COLLEGE PLANNING



For more information on how your GED® scores can help you enroll in a postsecondary program, visit

[ourdakotadreams.com](https://ourdakotadreams.com)

A score of 165 or higher on any GED® subject test means you achieved college ready scores and you have what it takes to enroll in a South Dakota postsecondary program. A score of 175 or higher means you may even be eligible to earn **FREE COLLEGE CREDITS!**

Our Dakota Dreams also includes information on:

- All public colleges and universities in SD
- Applying for college
- Available scholarships and financial aid

### CREDENTIAL PREP

The *Peterson Test Prep* program is a **FREE** resource to help you explore career options, search jobs and build your resume. It also includes courses and practice tests to help you prepare to earn highly valued industry recognized credentials like:

- CompTIA A+ certification
- ServSafe® Food Manager
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)



For more information on visit [library.sd.gov/LIB/ERD/complete.aspx](https://library.sd.gov/LIB/ERD/complete.aspx) and search Gale Present's: *Peterson Test Prep* to create a free account.

## Additional Resources and Supports

Now that you've earned your GED® credential, there are thousands of new opportunities available to help you meet your next career, academic, or personal goals.

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### **Build Skills - Earn a Paycheck: Explore the Start Today SD Apprenticeship Program**

Launch your career with an apprenticeship! Apprenticeships allow you to gain valuable, recognized skills and build professional experience, all while receiving a steady paycheck. It's the ultimate way to transition directly into a high-demand career. To learn more about apprenticeships, or to connect with an Apprenticeship Coordinator with the Department of Labor and Regulation, visit [starttoday.sd.com/](http://starttoday.sd.com/).

### **GED® Tech Apprenticeship Program**

The GED® Tech Apprenticeship program offers you a pathway to a career in the thriving technology sector. The program provides free technology training to all GED® learners across a range of high-demand areas like software engineering, cyber security, and data analytics, then matches your skills to open jobs. For more information, visit [www.ged.com/life\\_after\\_ged](http://www.ged.com/life_after_ged).

### **Pearson Accredited Pathways**

Pearson Education's Accelerated Pathways program offers low-cost online college courses that let you pay as you go. Sign up for a **FREE** consultation and an advisor can show you college options for a degree path that fits your interests. Learn more at [www.ged.com/life\\_after\\_ged](http://www.ged.com/life_after_ged).

### **SD National Guard**

Whether you're looking to serve your country, gain valuable skills, or pave the way for a successful future, the Guard offers many opportunities. Earning your GED® credential is the first step in determining if you may be eligible to serve in the SD National Guard. For more information or to contact a recruiter, visit [sdarmyguard.com](http://sdarmyguard.com).