



The Role of Adult Education in the Workforce Development System

Did you know? Adult education providers teach academic and employability skills that lead to higher wages, transition learners to further education and training, increase learners' English language proficiency, and help parents become more involved in their children's education.

Workers with a high school diploma or GED® credential can earn on average \$9,000 more per year than those without, and workers with an occupational credential can earn even more. Training is offered in high-demand, well-paying occupations:

Industries	Average Hourly Wage Range in Virginia	Projected Number of Positions in Virginia by 2024
Accommodations and Food Service	\$11.35	31,290
Construction	\$21.45	22,760
Education	\$27.79	42,378
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$15.17	97,087
Information Technology	\$48.47	70,701
Retail Trade	\$19.07	29,162

Our participants are:

Workers, more than 50 percent of our students report being employed when they enroll

Lifelong learners, enrolling in postsecondary education and training during and after leaving the program

The workforce of today, gaining additional skills and valued credentials to put to use immediately





Find a program near you!

<https://www.valrc.org/providers/index.php>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center. At the top left is the logo for The Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center, which includes a stylized green sunburst icon and the text "THE VIRGINIA ADULT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER" and "VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY". To the right of the logo is a search bar with a "Search" button and the word "advanced" below it. Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with links: "Home | About Us | Professional Learning | Program Leadership | Regional Providers | Events | FAQ". The main content area is titled "Regional Providers" and contains the text "To find information on Adult Education Centers in your area:". Below this text are two search options: "Select by city or county:" and "OR Select by name:". Each option has a "Show all" dropdown menu and a "Search contacts" button. Below the search options is a note: "To update the Provider Directory please send us an email at vdesk@vcu.edu." and another note: "To locate a GED® testing center near you [click here](#)." At the bottom right of the screenshot is a map of Virginia divided into counties, with some counties highlighted in green and yellow.



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