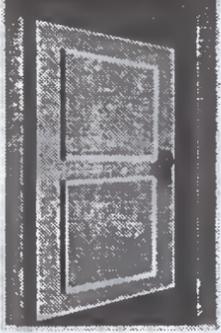


PRIZES



Jimmy Lewis, Chair of the Door Prize Committee, asks those contacts at each school to remember to bring your contribution to the Planning Committee Headquarters in the East Tower Board Room. We appreciate your help in obtaining door prizes for the closing business session on Friday.

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WPCC OFFERS GED FAST TRACK

Many adults who do not have a high school diploma also do not have the time to attend regularly scheduled classes for an extended period. GED Fast Track is a new program at Western Piedmont Community College designed to help some of these adults.

According to Becky Caraway, Learning Lab Director at WPCC, there are many adults who enroll in the traditional GED study program whose placement test scores clearly indicate that with a brief review they could pass the GED Tests. Yet, many of these students fail to return to review and take the exam. Not only do they lack the time as job and

family responsibilities come first in their lives, but they also lack the confidence needed to attempt the exam.

For this group of adults, a special program began in August through the Learning Lab at WPCC. GED Fast Track is an intensive short term program designed to provide students with a brief review of academic skills as well as instruction in taking standardized tests. Both day and evening sessions of this program have been offered. The day classes meet for one week only, Monday through Friday from 9am - 12 noon, and the evening sessions meet for two weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Students in the Fast Track classes are given a quick review of each of the five GED subject areas along with plenty of homework for practice. Then they are given the official GED Practice Tests followed by an analysis of the most frequently missed questions.

This program has already provided many adults with the opportunity to demonstrate that they have the necessary skills to take the GED exam and earn the GED diploma. During this past fall semester, 103 students enrolled in Fast Track classes, and 62 of them passed the GED Tests -- an impressive 60% completion rate!

~Submitted By Jean Sherrod