

## Why College?

- Transform your job into a career. Expand your career options and compete for higher paying jobs with benefits that require a degree.
- Increase earnings by an average of \$10,000 per year with an Associate's Degree and \$20,000 with a Bachelor's.\*
- Earn \$1 million more across your lifetime than with a high school diploma or GED alone.\*
- Get the degree you've always wanted and the respect you deserve.
- Model educational success for your children and they will follow in your footsteps.
- Because you can! *"...with 5 children, as a single parent, with a full time job, taking care of a sick father, if I can get through it, you can get through it. It has its challenges, but it's worth it. My degree has made me more marketable at my job."*

\*Education Pays, The College Board, 2005.



## Next Steps

With a high school diploma or GED, you can get started. Easy as 1–2–3!

1. Fill out application
2. Complete financial aid forms (FAFSA)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
3. Order transcripts (high school, GED, previous college)

Classes begin in

August (apply by July 15)

January (apply by Dec. 15)

## Contact for Enrollment Info. Coatesville Site



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*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

Romans 12:2



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We will work with you!

**"Education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity, it's a requirement."**

President Barack Obama



## ACE

The college of possibilities,  
in your neighborhood.

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## Why ACE?

**Convenience.** Classes take place in your neighborhood, two evenings per week, the same time every semester (5:30-9:30 pm) AND includes pre-class food.

**Accelerated and Full time.** Students take 12 credits per semester (24/year), which equals full-time status — maximizing financial aid.

**A Supportive Atmosphere.** You will join a cohort of peers who take courses together, encourage, and support each other through to graduation. Supportive staff provide help to get you started, apply for financial aid, register for classes and graduate.

**For Adult Working Learners.** We respect you as working adults with lives outside of school and experiences to bring into class. Our style is interactive and focused on discussion, integrating new understanding with knowledge you have to take you where you want to go.



## Success Factors

- Personal attention from quality instructors invested in your success and trained to teach adult learners.
- A graduation rate of 80% compared to 28% on average for community college.\*
- A curriculum that applies to the real world.
- Middle States Accreditation helps credits transfer to four year institutions.

\*The Challenge to Complete, Graduate!Philadelphia, 2005.

## How to pay for college

Don't let the cost of tuition stop you from getting the education you want and deserve! There is a *BIG* difference between the price tag on tuition and what *you* will actually pay. **When financial aid, scholarships, and tuition discounts are applied, your out of pocket costs end up to be a fraction of total tuition!** Almost *all* students pay for college with grants *and* low-interest loans from the government; loans must be paid back, but not until *after* you graduate (or withdraw). ACE students are *full-time* and can take full advantage of available financial aid. Work through the financial aid process with a counselor to understand what college will *actually* cost you, and then invest in yourself!

## Degree Options

Our curriculum is practical and applicable to everyday life. ACE in Coatesville offers three Associate's Degrees: Leadership Studies, Human Services, and Early Childhood Education. All majors begin with preparatory and general education courses such as English, Math, and Social Sciences.

**Leadership Studies** provides graduates with the 21st century skill set necessary to be considered for and succeed in supervisory and management positions; skills like communications, critical and analytical thinking, team management, and decision making. A Leadership Degree equips you to determine and pursue your personal and professional life vision.

**Human Services** students study sociology, psychology, intervention techniques, and perform field work preparing to directly assist populations in various facilities.

**Early Childhood Education** will prepare students to enter the field of Childcare, as well as provide the foundation for those who would like to pursue Elementary and Special Education.