

# PASS



PATHWAY TO ADULT SECONDARY SCHOOL

APPLICATION BOOKLET

# PASS application

## What is PASS?

PASS is an online program to help adult learners work toward completing their high school diploma.

The program is designed for learners who take courses part-time while they work.

PASS courses are fully online, using a computer and supported by an online instructor.

PASS learners are provided all the equipment they need including a laptop for their online courses, internet, and textbooks - for free. There is no tuition or other costs for students.

Learners are supported by an online instructor and a facilitator located in their community.

It usually takes multiple years to obtain a high school diploma through PASS.

## Admission requirements

To be eligible for PASS the requirements are:

- 19 years of age or older;
- Not currently or recently attending school;
- Meet entrance requirements following a reading/writing assessment;
- Being willing to make steady progress in online courses, regularly.

## Who is PASS for?

PASS is a program for adult learners who are dedicated to obtaining their high school diploma.

Learners need to be familiar with technology including email, computers, uploading and downloading files.

Students are not eligible for funding support (through the College including meal plans or housing or FANS etc.) because PASS is considered a part-time program.

How long it takes to complete the program depends on how many credits you require and what your adult placement assessment result is.

When you are enrolled in a class you should expect to spend 10-12 hours per week working on course assignments and studying. Per course. Courses represent 125 hours of work.



Learners will need to be active in their courses, showing activity and completing assignments at least once a week.

Learners need to carefully consider feedback from their instructors and use that feedback to improve their work going forward.

## How does PASS work?

Students are enrolled only in the courses they need in order to obtain their diploma (usually one course at a time).

Courses run for approximately 5 months (one fall semester and one winter semester) with a break in the summer.

It is important that learners stay up to date with all assignments, quizzes and discussion board posts.

Learners work with their instructors by email or in online meetings and work face to face with their facilitator.

Attending in-person sessions (once a week) is strongly encouraged and in some cases required.

The program follows an online/adult learning model so most of it is self-directed and learners work on their courses when/where it is convenient for them.

## What is learning in PASS like?

The PASS Program is made up of fully online courses and learning modules.

For most PASS students it takes more than 2 years to complete the program.

PASS is the same amount of coursework and the same curriculum as the regular school-based program.

PASS is not an easier or faster route to a high school diploma.

In some ways, PASS may be more challenging than the school-based program.



# What courses does PASS require?

In most cases, the program has up to 7 core course requirements or equivalents:

- Social Studies (grade 11)
- Science (grade 11)
- Math (grade 11)
- Aulajaaqtut/Portfolio
- English (grade 12)
- Grade 12 elective 1
- Grade 12 elective 2

Learners may have already completed some of these courses or may have done similar courses (through GED or otherwise) that would count as equivalents.

Courses or equivalents already completed do not have to be repeated.

In general, learners are able to complete 2 courses per year.

- A learner who needs all 7 core courses could take almost 4 years to get their diploma.
- A learner who only needs 1 or 2 courses could get their diploma in one semester.

The more courses a PASS learner requires, the longer it takes to obtain a diploma.

The more effort and steady progress a PASS learner makes, the faster they will complete the program.

## Still have questions about PASS?

Contact us any time!

Email	Local	Call us with questions!
admin@silat.ca	Connect with your community PASS facilitator (ask at the CLC, or email us)	1 855 979 7277

## Think PASS sounds right for you?

Fill out the application form on the following pages and send it back to us!



# Applying to PASS

Applying to PASS takes several steps.

1. Fill out this application booklet and send it back to us.
2. We'll contact you to arrange a reading and writing assessment at your local Learning Centre or College Campus. The assessment is just a tool we use to determine your reading and writing level. There is no pass or fail on the assessment. You don't have to do anything to prepare.

The assessment - called the NAPA - takes up to 3 hours to complete. Most people complete it more quickly than that.

3. We will do our best to contact you as soon as possible about the results of your application.

We will get back to you whether you're accepted or not.

If you are not accepted, we will help you make a plan to develop your skills.

We accept applications any time, but there are due dates for people who want to start in a specific semester.

- For fall semester starts, applications must be submitted on May 01.
- For winter semester starts, applications must be submitted on November 01.

4. Once we have reviewed your application and assessment, if you're accepted we will be in touch to let you know.

Applicants who are accepted will be provided information about the program.

This information will include:

- Which course students will start with;
- When courses will begin;
- An invitation to an in-person orientation session;
- Tips for what students can do to be prepared for the program.

## Apply now!

To apply PASS, please fill out the forms on the next pages and send them back to us!



# PASS application form



Last name	First name	Last name when you attended high school (if different than current last name)

Community	Date of birth	Gender (Female/Male/Other)

Ancestry (Inuit/non-Inuit)	Phone number	Email address

PO Box #	Postal code	House number

Consent - data sharing and personal information

I consent to the sharing among Nunavut Arctic College, Nunavut Department of Education and other relevant organizations of my data and information, including marks, personal information and other relevant data. This is for the purposes of reviewing my application, eligibility and, if accepted, for ongoing administration.

Name (print)	Signature	Date

Why do you want to enroll in this program? What is your goal?

What is the highest grade you completed in high school?



What do you feel makes you are ready to learn online and successfully use learning technology?

What will you need to do to be successful in this program?

Confirmation of application		
Name (print)	Signature	Date



**Send us your application!**

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