Who is eligible to take the HSEC® Tests?

An individual is eligible to take the HSEC® Tests if they meet the guidelines listed below:

- They are 17 years of age or older
- They are not a high school graduate or HSEC graduate
- They have maintained residence in the state of Illinois for 30 days

Note: If an individual is of school age and has been enrolled in a public, private or home school setting in the last 12 months, they MUST submit a withdrawal letter along with their application from the last school enrolled.

HSEC® Tests Registration Information

Registering to take the HSEC® Tests in Cook County is done via mail. To receive an application form contact:

The Cook County HSEC® office at:
(847) 328-9795
or
www.cookcountyHSEC.org

To request disability accommodations for Adult Education students enrolled in classes, please contact:

Sylvia Garza at 708-656-8000, ext. 2364
Morton College
3801 S. Central Ave., Room 217C
Cicero, IL 60804

Morton College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (www.ncahelc.org).

Morton College is officially recognized by the Illinois Community College Board (www.iccb.state.il.us).

For the purposes of compliance with Section 511 of Public Law 101-166 (the Stevens Amendment). Approximately 36% of the FY14 funding for Adult Education, Community Programming & Outreach, came from federal sources. The total amount of federal funding received in FY14 was 359,513.

Morton College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability in its educational, admissions, or employment practices.
What does HSEC® mean?

HSEC stands for High School Equivalency Certificate. This is the equivalent of 12 years of education in the United States. Morton College offers HSEC preparation courses in Language Arts, Math, and General Test Review. Upon successful completion of the State of Illinois HSEC Tests you may participate in the annual Morton College HSEC graduation.

Is there an age requirement to enroll in Adult Education classes?

Adults 17 years of age and older may be eligible to enroll in HSEC courses if they are not required to be in compulsory schooling. They must also present an official letter of separation from their resident high school if they are under the age of 18.

How do I enroll in these programs?

On assigned dates, students are enrolled in orientation classes that cover:

Day 1: OVERVIEW
- HSEC® preparation program & services
- Policies & procedures
- Campus tour

Call ext. 2373 or 2374 for information on dates and times for the orientation class.

Day 2: PLACEMENT
- Complete the ABE/HSEC placement tests

Day 3: ADVISEMENT
- Computer Lab visit
- Placement test results
- Class sign-up
- Information about the HSEC® Tests

Students must attend all three days of the orientation class in order to continue in the Adult Education program.

Why do I have to take a placement test?

Every student needs to take a placement test to determine your Reading and/or Math levels. We will then be able to accurately place you into a class appropriate for your level.

What is the cost of the programs?

Morton College receives state and federal funding that allows us to offer most Adult Education classes at no cost or a nominal fee of $3.00 per credit hour.

When and where are classes held?

All classes are held at:
Morton College
3801 S. Central Ave
Cicero, IL 60804

Days and hours of classes
Math classes are Monday & Wednesday
Language Arts classes are Tuesday & Thursday
8:00am – 11:00am
6:00pm – 9:00pm

HSEC® Scholarship

HSEC graduates are eligible for a Morton College scholarship to continue their education. Requirements include completion of Morton College ABE/HSEC programs and participation in the annual HSEC graduation ceremony.

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must complete their preparation work in Morton College’s Adult Education program and meet other program requirements.