

Central Washington University



HEP

High School Equivalency Program

The High School Equivalency Program (HEP) is a federally funded program designed to serve migrant and seasonal farmworkers. HEP provides GED instruction, academic support, and placement services to all eligible participants.

Eligibility Requirements

A student is eligible for HEP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- They or their immediate family members have engaged in migrant or seasonal farm work for at least 75 days in the last 24 months.
- They have participated or been eligible to participate in the Workforce Investment Act 167 program (WIA 167)
- They were eligible to participate Title C Migrant Education program within the last 24 months.
- Is at least 16 years of age or over
- Is not currently enrolled in an elementary or secondary school
- Has not earned a secondary school diploma or its equivalency

Once qualified:

- HEP is free
- HEP also covers the cost of GED testing (minimum of \$150 cost)
- Provides educational materials (Books, pen, pencils, highlighters, binders, and other)

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Support Services Provided

- Tutoring
- Mentoring and Coaching
- College Transition Services
- Work Training Services
- Job placement
- Counseling and guidance services
- Transportation services
- Books and materials

Other services

- Personal, vocational, and academic counseling
- Placement services into higher education, career, and or military
- Exposure to cultural events, academic programs, and other educational/cultural activities
- Other essential supportive services, as needed to ensure the success of our participants



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Mission

CWU/HEP assists migrant and seasonal farmworkers, and their families in obtaining their High School Equivalency Certificate, by preparing them in four educational subjects (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies) through high quality class instruction and a tailored tutoring plan. In addition, HEP students will be placed in an up-graded career, post-secondary education, and or the military to maximize their potential.

Vision

CWU/HEP will outreach to the most in need migrant and seasonal farmworkers who have not attained a high school diploma and offer them a safe, and supportive environment in which to obtain their high school equivalency.

Diversity Statement

CWU/HEP understands the disadvantages of marginalized and excluded populations and is fully committed to ensuring that all HEP participants and staff feel safe, welcomed, and included in our program and the CWU community.

Grant Objectives

Outreach

Outreach to underrepresented potential participants and recruit 110 eligible MSFWs who are most in need of academic instruction and support services

Career and Advising

Conduct support services to HEP students that include educational, academic, vocational, job training, and job readiness and placement plan

Financial

Provide 110 students with financial assistance in the following areas:

- Provide school materials (pens, pencils, books, highlighters, erasers, etc.)
- Cover the full cost of all Pre and official GED tests (\$120 for Official tests, \$24 for pre-test in addition any retesting)
- Free Instruction
- Stipends when approved

Follow up

Provide follow up services to secure student placement into higher education, career, and or military