

said the administration will create and implement...a “classroom-to-career” initiative to address the growing poverty rate.

- In Governor Eddie Calvo’s first State of the Island Address on March 14, 2011, he stated “The greatest challenge of our time is to prevent the cruel cycle of poverty from spreading to the next generation. While we tend to the services for those most in need now, our focus must be on providing for children in today’s classrooms. This is our greatest challenge, because of the perennial funding shortages for the Department of Education, University of Guam and Guam Community College. Without a doubt, these three institutions are the most important agencies of this government to the future prosperity of the island.”

It is the right time for GCC to support this education momentum by reinvesting in the AHS program for Guam’s adult population so that they can break free from the cruel cycle of poverty.

Program Document

The AHS program document was last reviewed and approved in June 2005. After careful review of the current literature on adult high school diploma programs, it has been determined that the current program document needs substantive revision. The recommendations provided later in this document include a reduction in overall credit hours required, an addition of a portfolio requirement, substantive changes to the student learning outcomes; substantive changes to funding; and updates to career and technical elective requirements.

The AHS program currently requires a total of 16 courses (48 credits) distributed as follows:

ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	COMPUTER SKILLS	CAREER & TECHNICAL ELECTIVES	STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP
4 courses (12 credits)	2 courses (6 credits)	1 course (3 credits)	3 courses (9 credits)	1 course (3 credits)	4 courses (12 credits)	1 course (3 credits)
EN066 Reading Workshop (need 221-235 CASAS score)	MA052 General Mathematics (need 211-225 CASAS score)	SI051 Earth Science	SS063 American Government (required)	OA101 Keyboarding Applications	Select Career Path and Electives in consultation with AHS counselor	SO099 Student Success Workshop (required)
EN067 Writing Workshop (required)	MA057 Applied Mathematics	SI075 Applied Science	SS078 Word Geography	CS151 Windows Applications		
EN081 Literature Survey	MA065 Adult Mathematics (required)		SS081 U.S. History I	CS152 Macintosh Applications		
EN091 Fund. of Communication (required)			SS091 Multicultural Workplace		3 pre-GED credits may be transferred in	
3 GED prep credits may be transferred in	3 GED prep credits may be transferred in					

Persons who have completed high school courses in grades 9 through 12 at another accredited school may have credits evaluated for transfer to GCC by requesting that an official transcript be sent to the registrar. Students who receive transfer credits are required to successfully earn a minimum of 4 courses (12 credits) at Guam Community College to be eligible for the AHS diploma.

Relationship to Mission

Since the document’s most recent revision, GCC’s mission statement was adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 9, 2011, as follows:

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.