High School Completion Options for Adults
Chapter PI 5, Wis. Admin. Code

Eligibility Requirements - PI 5.03
Residency
Age (18.5 years old OR the class entered 9th grade with has graduated)
Educational status
Assessment/counseling requirements

Certificate of General Educational Development (GED) - PI 5.035
Meet 5.03 requirements (above) and pass the GED subtests and the civics test*

High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) - PI 5.05
Meet 5.03 requirements (above) and pass the GED subtests
Meet the additional requirements of Civics test*, Health, Career Awareness and Employability Skills

HSED based on high school credits – PI 5.06
Meet 5.03 requirements (above)
22 credits including 11 specific credits referenced in PI 5.06(1)
Civics test*
Post-secondary credits allowed at 3 to 1 ratio (postsecondary to secondary)
Certified transcripts required
Submitted to DPI on PI-1716 with documentation attached

HSED based on post-secondary education – PI 5.07
Meet 5.03 requirements (above)
24 semester credits or 32 quarter credits required
Civics test*
Only post-secondary credits count
Must have credits in all areas of state graduation requirements
Certified transcripts required
Submit to DPI on PI-1716 with documentation attached

HSED based on foreign diploma – PI 5.08
Meet 5.03 requirements (above)
Foreign high school or postsecondary diploma and certified transcript required
If appropriate, certified translation required
Civics test*
Speaks, reads and writes ordinary English and
Submit to DPI on PI-1716 with documentation attached

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HSED based on completion of a program approved by the state superintendent – PI 5.09

Meet 5.03 requirements (above)
Approved program submits to DPI on PI 1716 with documentation that the student has completed an approved program that includes all of the following:
Program must include employability skills, career awareness, citizenship and each of the subject areas under s.118.33(1)(a) except physical education
Applications must include the following:
  A description of courses, training and counseling, including the number of hours of instruction
  A description of the methods of evaluation or assessment used to determine a person’s knowledge and skills
  Qualifications of the professional staff members who will be involved in the program
  A description of any target groups (e.g. older workers, minorities, etc.) which might effectively served
  A description of how the program will meet any special needs of the proposed target group
  A plan for evaluating the proposed program to determine its effectiveness in assessing high school equivalency
The student must also complete the civics test*

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