

# CAMPAGNA ACADEMY

## What is TASC?

TASC stands for "Test Assessing Secondary Completion". Formerly known as GED (General Education Development), TASC was acquired by the state of Indiana in a decision to forego the GED program and incorporate this new TASC program. With many similarities to the GED program, TASC offers preparatory work in each of the five traditional high school subject areas: Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Reading Language Arts, and Writing Language Arts. Once a student has completed the prep program, and it is determined by the instructor that he or she is readily equipped and academically adequate, the student will begin to take practice tests with the instructor. Upon passing the practice tests with a grade of 70% or higher, the student is then recommended to take the HSE (High School Equivalency) exam. This eight-hour HSE exam, spanning over the course of two days, consists of all five topic areas covered in the TASC prep program. Scores on the HSE exam range from 300-800, with 500 being considered a passing score. Once a student passes all five subject areas on the HSE exam, he or she will have earned their High School Equivalency Diploma and will be considered a graduate. The credentials they attain from receiving their HSE are recognized as portable. The HSE is the official high school equivalency diploma for the state of Indiana and is recognized by colleges, universities and employers in the same regard as a traditional high school diploma.

### TASC Program At Campagna Academy

- The TASC classroom is conveniently located in the Campagna Center on Campagna Academy's campus. TASC services are offered to our residents in both the open and secure programs as well as to our day treatment clients who attend our ADTP (Alternative Day Treatment Program).
- The TASC program at Campagna Academy is a live instruction classroom setting that runs year round.
- Students must meet the minimum age requirement of 16 to take the TASC course; an Exit Interview is conducted to verify their withdrawal from their sending school.
- The day time TASC class meets five days a week, Monday through Friday for a minimum of two hours per day with an hour of one-on-one intense tutoring time allotted for each student in need of extra educational support.
- Student to teacher ratio is 6:1; if more than six students are present in the classroom, an additional staff, such as a YCS (Youth Care Specialist), BHT (Behavioral Health Tech) or EM (Educational Mentor), is present in the classroom.
- TASC class offers students the opportunity to utilize on-line education assistance via various academic web-sites such as Khan Academy, Purple-Math and a variety of other practical academic sites.
- Flexibility & diversification describe Campagna Academy's approach to education. Education is individualized, strength based & academic instruction is consistent with the student's academic ability & achievement.

- The focus in the TASC program, is not only academic rigor and high school proficiency, but also on critical thinking and problem-solving techniques and skills which have been identified as critical assets for success beyond high school.
- Job readiness skills & career planning are also important components of the TASC program as is further developing students' life skills.
  - Job readiness skills covers positive work habits, resume building, job application practice, interviewing techniques & practice, searching job training and employment opportunities.
  - Career planning includes job interest inventory, career planning profile, attending career fairs at Campagna, guest speaker presentations, career research, how to apply to colleges, vocational tech schools or trades apprenticeship programs, etc.
  - Other general independent living skills can include how to complete a W4 form, interpreting a paycheck stub, how to open a checking/savings account, understanding banking terminology and banking services, etc.

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