

## 4.3 Adult Basic Education Program

In Newfoundland and Labrador, one of the avenues for achieving high school equivalency is by completing the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program. The ABE program consists of three levels: Level I refers to basic literacy and numeracy skills; Level II provides transitional skills similar to grades 7-9; and Level III corresponds to grades 10-12 and requires the completion of a minimum of 36 credits in order to graduate. ABE is delivered using provincially-developed curriculum and is a predominantly self-paced, individualized, classroom – based - program. ABE is offered in a variety of formats including full-time, part-time and online (Level I only). The ABE program is delivered by community-based organizations and private training institutions. For a complete listing of sites offering the ABE program, go to the Department of Advanced Education and Skills web site at: <http://www.aes.gov.nl.ca/>

In particular, ABE Level III provides the opportunity for adults to complete a public high school education by transferring no more than six ABE credits back to an individual's high school transcript. To be eligible to transfer credits from the ABE program back to high school, students must be a **minimum of 19 years of age** (or 18 years of age and out of school one year) and **require six or fewer credits to graduate from the public high school system.**

Additionally, to be considered for a transfer of credits back into the high school system, an individual must have obtained a minimum of five Level III credits in the Newfoundland and Labrador high school system.

### **Note: Special admissions to the ABE program do not override Section 4.3**

Within the high school program there are regulations which apply to awarding of credit. These regulations would also apply for transferring of credit back to the high school system.

For example:

- (I) Credit will **NOT** be awarded for a course the student already has the equivalent high school course completed (e.g., a student who already has credit for Consumer Studies 1202 on his/her transcript, cannot transfer back credit received for IE 3211 Consumer Studies).
- (II) Credit will **NOT** be awarded for conflicting courses (e.g., a high school student with credit for English 2201 cannot receive credit for English 2202, therefore a student with credit for English 2201 will not be eligible to transfer English 2102A/B/C from the ABE system back to high school).
- (III) Credits that are transferred back into the high school system are given a fifth digit "9" designation (09 3294) which indicates the course is a transfer credit. Transfer credits are not given a numerical score when transferred back and hence cannot be used to calculate academic/honours graduation status.

Regulations such as the above can be found in the High School Certification Handbook or as updates, both of which can be found online at: <http://www.gov.nl.ca/edu>.

To ensure each student is working on a program that will be eligible for transfer back into high school and secure high school graduation, a request for prior approval should be obtained from the Manager of Evaluation:

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 Email: [phonsewhiffen@gov.nl.ca](mailto:phonsewhiffen@gov.nl.ca)

Once all courses are complete, they must be entered into the online Adult Basic Education database and the Manager of Evaluation be notified. Please include the student's name and date of birth.

As courses that currently have equivalencies in the ABE system are de-listed from the high school curriculum, a transfer of credit from the ABE system to the high school system will no longer be possible. Listed below are the only courses that currently have a transfer equivalency from ABE to the high school system. When these are transferred, a student receives credit for the course but no mark. Below is a course equivalency matrix that is effective as of September 2009.

<b>ABE Course</b>	<b>High School Course Equivalent</b>
English 1101 A/B/C	English 1201
English 1102 A/B/C - General	English 1202
English 2101 A/B/C	English 2201
English 2102 A/B/C - General	English 2202
English 3101 A/B/C	English 3201
English 3102 A/B/C - General	English 3202
World Literature 3101A/3101B	World Literature 3207
IG 3221 Human Geography	World Geography 3200
Economics 3101 A/B	Consumer Studies 1202
History 3201/3202	Canadian Studies 1297
IG 3119 Canadian Law (one credit)	Canadian Law 2104
Biology 2101 A/B/C	Biology 2201
Biology 3101 A/B/C	Biology 3201
Chemistry 2102 A/B/C	Chemistry 2202
Chemistry 3102 A/B/C	Chemistry 3202
Physics 2104 A/B/C	Physics 2204

<b>ABE Course</b>	<b>High School Course Equivalent</b>
Physics 3104 A/B/C	Physics 3204
Any three of: Biology 1101 Chemistry 1102 Physics 1104 Earth Systems 1109	Science 1206
Science 2100 A/B/C	Science 2200 (Basic Life Science)
Any three of: Sc. 3101 Matter and Chemical Change Sc. 3102 Simple Machines and Energy Sc. 3103 Electricity Sc. 3104 Intro. to Oceanography Sc. 3105 From Life to Lifestyle Sc. 3106 Disease Def. and Human Health	No Direct Equivalency (Basic Physical Science)
Science 3107 Environmental Science I Science 3108 Environmental Science II	Environmental Science 3205
Healthy Living 3101/3102/3103	Healthy Living 1200
Math 1104 A/B/C	Math 1204
Math 2104 A/B/C	Math 2204
Math 3104 A/B/C	Math 3204
Math 2105 A/B/C - General	No Direct Equivalency
Math 3107 A/B/C - General*	No Direct Equivalency

\* Math 3107 **AND** 3109 awarded the same HS equivalency credit