

Announcing...

Mid-South ACT Begins a New Pilot Program for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Clients with Physical and/or Visual Disabilities that will Aid in Accessing GED® Test Preparation Materials!

Are you an individual with a physical and/or visual disability who has not completed the high school requirements necessary to graduate and are considering taking the General Education Development (GED®) test?

Are you currently attending a GED® preparation class and are unable to follow the instruction at the same pace as students without visual and/or physical disabilities?

What exactly is the GED® test? The General Educational Development Test (GED®) is for adults who do not have a high school diploma. Those who pass the test receive a High School Equivalency Certificate. The GED® test covers five subjects: reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.

GED® preparation is offered locally at community colleges, learning centers, and other educational sites. There is a major need for a preparation class geared specifically to individuals with visual and/or physical disabilities.



To meet this need, Mid-South Access Center for Technology (ACT) will offer a pilot program designed to explore the use of assistive technology devices and/or applications to access GED® preparation materials. **A pilot class will begin at the end of January, 2012, and space will be limited.**

What better way to help individuals with disabilities to be able to step up and out of poverty than to give them a hand by assisting them in preparing to take their GED® test! As an AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America), I am thrilled to be involved with this project!

'Tis the season of giving! Times are hard, but our spirits are hopeful as we continue to make a difference here at Mid-South ACT. Won't you donate some of your time to assist a person with disabilities in their journey to complete high school? It would be a life-changing experience for you both!

For more information and to enroll in the volunteer training program, please send an **email to Mid-South ACT at act@memphis.edu**, or **call the main office number at 901.678.1489 before January 10, 2012.** We look forward to hearing from you!

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