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Learning Skills (LRSK) 0910 Basic Academic Preparation (0 Units)

[formerly Learning Skills 62ABCD]

Prerequisite: None

Total Hours: 48 hours lecture

Catalog Description: This course offers instruction to maximize student learning potential and increase efficiency in core curricula (science, social studies, arts and literature, and mathematics) required for academic preparation. The course also addresses the development of the affective domain for success in college. This is a non-credit class. This class is offered on an open-entry/open-exit basis.

Type of Class/Course: Non Credit

Text: Van Slyke, Caren. *Kaplan GED Test Premier 2016 with 2 Practice Tests: Online + Book + Vidoes+ Mobile.* New York: Kaplan, 2015. Print.

Additional Instructional Materials: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate proficiencies of high school core curricula,
- 2. Enhance writing skills,
- 3. Enhance science skills,
- 4. Enhance social study skills,
- 5. Enhance reading skills,
- 6. Enhance mathematics skills, and
- 7. Demonstrate skills of being a good student

Course Scope and Content:

Unit I Language Arts – Writing Skills

A. The interpretation and application of English writing, including grammar rules, sentence mechanics, and preparation for, and writing of, the essay



Unit II Social Studies

- A. Understanding and applying knowledge of societies, past and present
- B. Social Studies will include modules on world history, civics and government, economics, and geography
- C. Distinguish ancient and modern societies, discuss world history, civics, government, economics, and geography

Unit III Science Skills

- A. Understanding and application of science: life science, earth and space science, and physical science
- B. Understanding of the scientific method
- C. Differentiate between life sciences, earth science, astronomy, and physical science

Unit IV Language Arts and Reading Skills

- A. Understanding and applying knowledge of language arts and reading: nonfiction, fiction, poetry, and drama
- B. Appraise and compare nonfiction, fiction, poetry, and dramatic works

Unit V Mathematics

- A. Understanding and applying knowledge of mathematics, including basic calculator functions, fractions and decimals, percent and percent problems, measurements and data analysis, algebra, and geometry, and
- B. Calculate fractions, decimals, and percents; calculate solutions to measurement, algebra, and geometry problems

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will spend five (5) to twelve (12) hours per week in supervised tutoring doing the following:

- 1. Completing assigned reading,
- 2. Completing worksheets or assigned problems from the text,
- 3. Engaged in tutoring sessions, and
- 4. Completing writing assignments.

Methods of Instruction:

- 1. Lecture,
- 2. Individual and group activities,
- 3. Class discussion and participation, and
- 4. Media presentations.

Methods of Evaluation:

- 1. Pre-and post-assessment,
- 2. Exams and quizzes,



- 3. Observation, and4. Written assignments.Supplemental Data:

TOP Code:	493030 Learning Skills
SAM Priority Code:	E: Non Occupational
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable
Program Status:	2: Stand alone
Noncredit Category:	C: Elementary & Secondary Basic Skill
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	N: Not Applicable
Prior to College Level:	Y: Not Applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Course is not a part of a cooperative education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	No
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	No