



**Success Story:** *Omar M. faced many obstacles completing his education. He earned his GED after attending ACE, went on to earn a Medical Assistant certification while working at a local business, and is now enrolling at UTSA to study Physical Therapy. We are very proud of him!*

**Teacher of the Year: Diana Hite!**



**Cameron County ESL, HSE (GED)  
Service Locations**

**Brownsville, Harlingen, La Feria, Los  
Fresnos, San Benito, Santa Maria**

**ESL Programs:**

**BISD ACE Site  
Browne Rd Social Center  
Cameron Park Centro Cultural  
Cunningham Apartments  
Garden Park Elementary  
Good Shepard Catholic Church  
La Villita Housing  
Linda Vista Housing  
Perkins Middle School  
Southmost Public Library  
Vermillion Elementary  
Harlingen CISD  
La Feria ISD  
Los Fresnos CISD  
San Benito CISD  
Santa Maria ISD**

**Brownsville ABE/ASE Programs:**

**BISD ACE  
ITEC  
Port Isabel Father O'Brien Facility  
Texas Southmost College  
YouthBuild**

**Evening Sites (GED&ESL)**

**BISD ACE, Harlingen KEYS, Los Fresnos CISD,  
San Benito CISD**

**Adult Continuing Education**

Where success stories begin!



BISD ACE provides opportunities throughout Cameron County to adult students in GED preparation, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, Transitions to careers and college, and certifications, such as Microsoft Office Specialist, and carpentry at no cost to the student.

Adult students are required to attend 60 hours of each program. ACE offers flexible scheduling during the day and evening. Computer based Distance Learning is also available.

ACE maintains a strong commitment to serving our students and assisting them with obtaining personal and professional goals through a variety of classes, programs, and activities.

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## About our Program

- The BISD ACE Consortium for Cameron County is a department of Brownsville Independent School District and the fiscal agent for Cameron County, which includes Harlingen La Feria, Los Fresnos, Port Isabel, Santa Maria, Santa Rosa, and San Benito. BISD ACE CCC provides FREE services to a multicultural population who are educationally and economically disadvantaged adults, 18 years and older.
- Adult students in the program must comply with grant requirements, including 60 hours of attendance and progress on assessments.
- Our program is funded primarily through Federal and State grant dollars.
- Our classes run from: 8:30am-11:30 am, 12:30pm to 3:30pm, Monday-Thursday and 5:30-7:30 pm on Monday - Wednesday for GED and ESL.
- Saturday School: 9:00am-1:00pm TBA
- Learn more at: <http://www.bisd.us/AdultEd/> and [www.facebook.com/BISDACE](http://www.facebook.com/BISDACE)

## Grants and Funding Sources

- English Civics Literacy Grant
  - \*Federal Grant
- Regular Adult Education
  - \*State and Federal Grant
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
  - \*State and Federal Grant

## Community Partners/ Networking Agencies

*Networking with agencies in our community ensures that we provide flexible locations for our students in Cameron County. Our Networking Agencies are the following:*

- AARP
- Abundant Life Church
- Bob Clark Social Center
- Brownsville Housing Authority
- BISD
- Cameron County
- Cunningham Manor
- El Centro Cultural
- Father O'Brien Clinic
- Good Shepherd Church
- Harlingen CISD
- La Feria ISD
- La Villita Apartments
- Los Fresnos CISD
- Our Lady of Assumption
- Point Isabel CISD
- Restauracion y Poder Church
- Rich's Seapak Business
- San Benito CISD
- Sunset Haven Apartments
- Texas Southmost College
- Tropical Gardens Apartments
- YouthBuild
- Workforce Solutions Cameron

## Incentives and Initiatives

- Advanced English as a Second Language
- Career Pathways
- Carpentry Certification through YouthBuild
- Certificates of program participation and completion
- Certification through TSC
- College and university tours
- High School Equivalency (GED, HiSET, TASC)
- Incentives for retention and progress
- Integrated technology
- Library visits/library cards
- Project Based Learning
- Teen Speak Essays (Herald)
- Job Training/Certification Programs
- Transportation Services/Discounts
- Transitions classes to workforce & higher education
- U.S. Citizenship Classes
- Voter Registration
- Weekly visitation of all sites and programs by ACE staff
- Welcome Center to assist in U.S. Citizenship, liaison for college transcript interpretation/translation, and employment skills and training.

## Distance Learning

Computer based software exists for students who cannot attend regular class schedules and allows for students to accumulate their 60 hours more quickly.

Two ACE teachers are responsible for distance learning. Each student is provided with a special code for logging in.

We serve ESL, and ABE/ASE students.