



Mississippi Community College Board  
Office of Adult Education & High School Equivalency

# Smart Start Course Fact Sheet



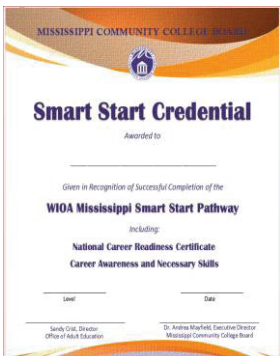
The Office of Adult Education has primary responsibility for implementation of the Mississippi Works Smart Start Career Pathway Model through the Smart Start Pathway Course.

## What is the Smart Start Pathway Course?

This course prepares participants for middle-skill level employment. Participants will develop job skills needed for their careers, learn and practice good work habits, and effective communication necessary for successful employment.

- **Why is this course important for participants?** Participants have the opportunity to earn a Smart Start Credential which includes a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). The NCRC demonstrates to employers the participant has the skills needed to be successful in a job. Participants will complete the WorkKeys tests for Applied Math, Graphic Literacy and Workplace Documents. Participants will also learn new skills for future careers and increase their ability for middle-skill level jobs which results in higher pay.
- **How is the course offered?** Smart Start Pathway Courses can be taken face- to-face, online or both face-to-face and online.
- **What are the requirements for participating in a Smart Start Pathway Course?** Participants must be registered in MS WORKS to participate in classes.
- **What is the cost?** This course is free.
- **What are the minimum requirements for achieving a MS Smart Start Credential?**

## Smart Start



### EDUCATIONAL SKILLS

- **ACTWorkKeys®Curriculum**
  - Applied Math
  - Graphic Literacy
  - Workplace Documents

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- **Career Awareness** (ex: Career Goals, Job Search Strategies, Financial Literacy)
- **Necessary Skills** (ex: Communication & Teamwork, Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking, Employer Expectations)

### ACTWorkKeys® RESULTING IN:

- **National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)** - Minimum Bronze Level even though Silver is encouraged for increased job opportunities.