



The Graduate! Philadelphia Center provides comprehensive guidance and support for adults seeking to complete a college degree.

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Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
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Upcoming events:

Feb. 5 – Grand launch
Feb. 13 – Returning-to-college workshop at the YMCA ESL program
March 4 – College fair for adults at District Council 33, AFSCME Building
March 15 – Online interactive services rollout on www.graduatephiladelphia.org

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GRADUATE! PHILADELPHIA!

WHAT IS GRADUATE! PHILADELPHIA ABOUT?

Graduate! Philadelphia's mission is to increase the number of adults with college degrees in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Graduate! Philadelphia works on three fronts: (1) raising awareness of the issues and leading a regional, multi-partner collaborative approach to solutions, (2) policy and systems change, and (3) innovative programs, such as the Graduate! Philadelphia Center.

Why? Because today's economy demands well-educated workers skilled at complex and creative problem-solving. Leading urban economies must be capable of delivering that type of workforce to employers.

Investing in a college degree for working adults and growing our own talent is important for four reasons:

1. It has an immediate impact on our talent base: Philadelphians are three times more likely to stay here after graduation as those who come from other places.
2. There is a clear need. More than 70,000 adult Philadelphians have at least one year's worth of college credits but no degree.
3. Investing in Philadelphia's working adults will pay dividends for generations. One of the strongest indicators for success in college is having parents who are college graduates. Investing in adults will have a lasting impact on the educational outcomes of their children.
4. Raising the number of college graduates enhances our economic strength, thereby attracting businesses; encouraging investments in city building and education; and enhancing Philadelphia's marketability to a diverse range of individuals and groups.

A Philadelphia "First." The problems are not unique to Philadelphia, yet nowhere else in the United States, to the best of our knowledge, have the major stakeholders in a region come together to promote college-degree attainment. The Graduate! Philadelphia approach is unique, innovative and promising. In recognition of this, Graduate! Philadelphia receives the support of both the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the City of Philadelphia. Other cities and regions will undoubtedly be looking closely at how we are solving this issue.



ABOUT GRADUATE! PHILADELPHIA

Graduate! Philadelphia is a joint initiative of the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board and the United Way of Southeastern PA. The Graduate! Philadelphia Center is operated in partnership with the Philadelphia Education Fund and is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the City of Philadelphia.

Graduate! Philadelphia was founded in 2005 in response to the critical shortage of adults with college degrees in the region's workforce. Graduate! Philadelphia was designed as a partnership representing the key stakeholders who stand to benefit from an increase in the number of college-educated workers to harness existing strengths that can address the big challenges we face.

Managing Partners:

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Partner Colleges:

Community College of Philadelphia
Chestnut Hill College
Holy Family University
Neumann College
Peirce College
Philadelphia University
Rutgers University-Camden
Thomas Edison State College
Widener University