

## FAQ's for the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Program

### What is the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Project?

The Walmart Brighter Futures Project is a cooperative effort between the Walmart Foundation and a select group of the nation's community colleges led by the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Rio Salado College and the Southwest Skill Center have partnered to help students acquire 21st century job skills and obtain jobs requiring these skills and to increase academic progression.

### What are the requirements to enter the program?

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must need to attain a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma
- Must have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade math level based on the level D TABE (Test for Adult Basic Education)
- Must provide proof of legal residency
- Must provide proof of financial need (<\$22,340)

### When and where are classes scheduled?

The HSE-prep class starts January 12, 2015. The class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The HSE-prep program will be located at RSC at Avondale at 420 N. Central Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85323. The CareerSTART! program is located at Estrella Mountain Community College/Southwest Skill Center at 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale, AZ 85392.

CPD104 Tues/Thurs	1/20 – 5/15	5:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Class #37570
CPD104 Tues	1/20 - 5/15	6:00 pm – 8:40 pm	Class #16424
CPD104 Tues/Thurs	2/24 – 5/8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Class #16425

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### What are the attendance requirements to complete this program?

Because of the high level of class activity, attendance is mandatory. Tardies and absences may result in withdrawal from the program.

### What happens if I don't pass the HSE exam?

Each student is required to earn a HSE diploma to successfully complete the program. Students not earning a HSE diploma will be placed in a non-WBF2 HSE-prep class to complete.

**Will the program pay for me to take the HSE Exam?**

Students who are approved to participate in this program may be reimbursed for the HSE exam.

Reimbursement maximum: \$140 (\$35 per part)

Qualifications: Reimbursement may be provided for each part of the exam once a part has been successfully passed.

How to get reimbursed:

1. Must first get HSE instructor permission prior to taking the HSE exam.
2. Must inform HSE instructor that you have completed and passed the HSE exam. Must provide your instructor with your score report.
3. Ensure your address is up-to-date at Rio Salado College.
4. Once the above three items have been completed you will receive a reimbursement check in the mail within three weeks.
5. All reimbursement requests must be made prior to October 2, 2015.

**Will I get job placement assistance after I complete the program?**

The classes will help you prepare your resume and will provide instruction in job seeking skills.

**Will there be other support services provided (child care, case manager)?**

Students who register as an Arizona Workforce Connection client will have a career advisor assigned to him/her. Various support services may be available such as transportation and child care assistance if no other sources of assistance are available. Specifics can be provided by the Phoenix Workforce Connection staff to those who are enrolled in the program.

**Will my instructor tell me when I'm ready to go take the HSE exam? Or will I be encouraged to take the HSE exam at ANY point while I am in this program?**

You must get preapproval from the HSE instructor prior to taking any part of the HSE exam in order to be eligible for the HSE exam reimbursement.

**Who do I speak with if I have questions about my classes while in this program?**

Please speak with the HSE instructor for all questions pertaining to the HSE program/course. Please speak with your CareerSTART! instructor for all questions pertaining to the CareerSTART! program.

**Contact RSC - Avondale at 480-377-4407 for more information**