



## Ways to qualify for financial aid with no high school diploma through ATB

1. Students first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program **before July 1, 2012**, can enroll in an eligible program and establish eligibility by one of the alternatives listed below:
  - a. Passing a Department of Education-approved Ability to Benefit (ATB) Test.
  - b. Completing at least six college-level credit hours toward a federal student aid-eligible degree or certificate offered by Lewis & Clark (The coursework does not have to apply to the specific degree or program in which the student is enrolled.).
  - c. Completing the State of Illinois process.
2. Students first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program **on or after July 1, 2012**, can **only** establish eligibility through one of the alternatives above if the student is enrolled in an **eligible career pathway program** ([34 CFR 668.157](#)). Interested students can inquire about the Ability to Benefit Program through Lewis & Clark's [Financial Aid](#) office and [Adult Education](#).

*The Ability to Benefit (ATB) program allows students without a high school diploma to qualify for financial aid to pay for courses that are part of a career pathway program at Lewis & Clark.*