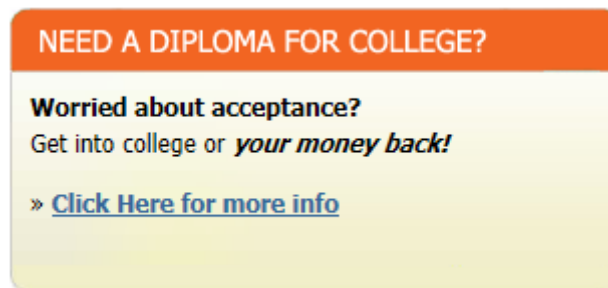


Information about Online Diplomas
READ THE FINE PRINT & SAVE YOUR MONEY!!

There are hundreds of companies that offer high school diplomas online, but very few of these programs provide adequate coursework that will meet postsecondary school admissions requirements for the equivalent of a high school diploma. Companies that require you to take one test and/or submit information about your life experience will not provide you with what you need! Even if the company claims to be accredited and offers to supply you with an 'official' diploma and transcript of coursework, in the end you will have paid a lot of money for worthless documents. While the website home page might entice you with statements like this:



When you read the fine print, you will find the following:

By participating in this program you agree to following terms: I fully understand that **the program does not convey the means nor is intended to be used to fulfill any state or federal requirements for attending high school or other educational requirement nor equivalent to a high school education.** I fully understand that, at the discretion of the institution I may be admitted to college or accepted for employment by taking additional testing including by illustration, not limitation, ability to benefit tests administered by the institution requiring them. Furthermore, I fully understand that **this is not an accredited high school course or a replacement for a traditional high school diploma and is not equivalent to a high school education or diploma.** I understand that the program offered will not give me the right to represent myself as a graduate of a traditional high school, an accredited high school program or the holder of an accredited degree and **I am participating in the program for the sole purpose of self improvement.**

These statements were copied from an actual online program.

What's the alternative? Earn your GED today! While it does mean that you will have to study and take a series of tests, it costs only \$65 to obtain a GED and the process can be completed in only 2 days! The tests are multiple-choice exams, except for the essay section of the Language Arts test and several math questions. Participants also can learn more about furthering their education and how to access career counseling.

Download a brochure with additional information and 2012 testing dates here:

<http://www.hcc.edu/Documents/Business%20and%20Community/Kittredge/2012%20GEDBrochure.pdf>

A complete list of GED testing centers in Massachusetts can be found here:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/ged/list.html>