



Frequently Asked Questions, AVT

Adult Vocational Training or Higher Education?

Are the credits taken transferable to another higher education institution? If they *are*, then the student would be eligible for Higher Education. If the credits *are not* transferable, then the student would be eligible for the Spokane Tribe Adult Vocational Training program.

What is Adult Vocational Training?

Adult Vocational Training is education that prepares students to work in a variety of jobs such as a specific trade or craft. For example, beauty education, plumbing, or carpentry. Vocational Education may also be referred to as career education or technical education. Generally, a vocational school will result in the award of a certificate or diploma but there are a few vocational programs that do award an AA/AAS upon completion.

Can I attend part-time or full-time through the Spokane Tribe Adult Vocational Training program?

You can attend either part-time or full-time but will be eligible for limited funding depending upon program and your program must be an approved program per our Education Policies & Procedures.

Do I have to apply for financial aid even though my program is considered “adult vocational”?

If you are intending to enroll in a program where the outcome obtained is an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science then yes, you are required to apply for a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Department of Education (this is different than the Spokane Tribe Education Department) will then determine your eligibility for free grants and scholarships based upon the information that you have provided on your FAFSA.

Why do I need to fill out a FAFSA?

FAFSA is federal aid that assists all eligible applicants with funding for college. It helps to reduce the amount of money that the tribe pays out toward your tuition/books, allowing for our department to assist as many Spokane Tribal Members as we can.

What if I need help with problems at the school?

If you have any questions or concerns with your college that you are unable to handle, you can call your academic advisor to answer questions, or request assistance in getting the problem resolved.

How do I know when the term is going to start?

Typically classes begin in late August for Fall and January for Winter/Spring terms each year. However the deadlines to register for credited classes are set by the college. For short-term programs, you may need to contact your particular program of interest for more information in regard to start and end dates.

For more information please contact the Program Manager or Outreach Coordinator at 509-458-8005/8009.