

# Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE™)

WAGE™ is a **free** job readiness training program offered exclusively through Arkansas Adult Education programs (funded through Arkansas Department of Career Education). The program is **free** to job seekers, current employees, and employers. All Adult Education programs are funded through taxpayer dollars.

There are six state issued, stackable certificates available:

- Employability
- Customer Service I
- Customer Service II
- Office Technology (formerly Clerical)
- Bank Teller
- Industrial

Certificate requirements include:

- Basic reading, math, language, and communication skills
- TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) assessment
- WAGE™ test covering WAGE competencies in each area
- Basic computer & keyboarding skills
- Job Readiness skills
- Workplace Ethics, Teamwork, & Customer Service skills
- Spatial Relations, Manual Dexterity, & Mechanical Aptitude

A local Advisory Board made up of local employers, service providers, and community members from Fulton, Izard, and Stone Counties assist in making decisions about local employment needs for a well trained workforce.

The WAGE™ program also conducts Literacy Task Analysis (LTA) for local employers on positions at the entry level or those with a high turn-over rate.

WAGE™ instructors are all state certified teachers who are trained in the WAGE™ curriculum and are available to conduct LTAs for local employers.

The WAGE™ program also provides Basic Computer Literacy and assistance in preparing for and Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).

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