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## Amazon Selects GED Testing Service as a Career Choice Program Education Partner

Hourly employees have access to free GED preparation, advising, and testing

**WASHINGTON** — GED Testing Service has been selected as an education partner for Amazon's Career Choice program, providing Amazon's hourly employees with access to the GED program at no cost. Through GED Testing Service's GEDWorks program, U.S.-based Amazon employees will have access to an all-inclusive program that provides everything an employee will need to prepare for and successfully earn a GED credential.

The <u>GED credential</u> is a high school equivalency diploma or certificate for individuals that did not complete high school. It is earned by taking and passing all four GED test subjects.

"As a learner-centric organization, GED Testing Service has an ongoing commitment to providing equitable opportunities for all learners. Earning a GED credential can change a learner's life trajectory, helping them develop the skills and confidence to pursue postsecondary education while increasing their upward mobility in the workforce. We're excited about the positive impact this partnership will have on Amazon employees," Vicki Greene, President of GED Testing Service and SVP of Americas for Pearson's Workforce Skills Division.

Amazon hourly employees have access to a bilingual personal advisor, online GED study materials in English and Spanish, practice tests, one-to-one tutoring, and free GED tests. Personal advisors are a key component of the <u>GEDWorks</u> program. Advisors act as coaches and motivators, as well as hold students accountable for earning their GED credential. The GEDWorks program also gives students access to online tools that assist with college and career planning.

Amazon's Career Choice program is an education benefit that empowers employees to learn new skills for career success at Amazon or elsewhere. The program meets individual learners where they are on their education journey through a variety of education and upskilling opportunities including full college tuition, industry certifications designed to lead to in-demand jobs, and foundational skills such as English language proficiency, high school diplomas, and GEDs. In the U.S., the company is investing \$1.2 billion to upskill more than 300,000 employees by 2025 to help move them into higher-paying, in-demand jobs.

Amazon's Career Choice program has a rigorous selection process for third-party partner educators, choosing partners that are focused on helping employees through their education programs, assisting them with job placements, and overall offering education that leads to career success.

"We're looking forward to GED Testing Service coming on board as an education partner for Career Choice, adding to the hundreds of best-in-class offerings available to our employees," said Tammy Thiemann, Global Program Lead of Amazon's Career Choice program. "We're committed to empowering our employees by providing them access to the education and training they need to grow their careers, whether that's with us or elsewhere. We have intentionally cultivated a partner network of third-party educators and employers committed to providing excellent education, job placement resources, and continuous improvements to the experience. Today, over 50,000 Amazon employees around the world have already participated in Career Choice and we've seen first-hand how it can transform their lives."

For more information on Amazon's Career Choice program, visit: <a href="https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/workplace/career-choice">https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/workplace/career-choice</a>

For more information about GED Testing Service and the GEDWorks program, visit: https://ged.com/

## About GED Testing Service/ GEDWorks™

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.