The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) provides a unique way for adults to earn a high school diploma. The program allows adults to demonstrate their high school level skills by applying their life experiences in real-life situations.

The NEDP awards a high school diploma to adults who have acquired many of their high school level abilities through work, family & community experiences. NEDP is not a traditional instructional program. Instead, it provides the opportunity for participants to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. The program structure is self-paced and offers considerable flexibility for busy adults. It encourages self-directed learning where parts of the program are completed at home and the other parts are completed in a series of meetings on site with a trained NEDP advisor and assessor.
Things you should know about the NEDP program:

• Successful program completion leads to a Maryland High School Diploma issued by the Maryland Department of Labor and the Maryland State Board of Education.

• The program is flexible enough for working adults.

• There is no classroom instruction and no required courses.

• This is a web-based program that requires basic computer skills like Microsoft applications.

• There is a fee associated with this program. Contact the program nearest you for details.

Eligibility requirements:

• 18 years of age and above
• Does not have a high school diploma
• Not enrolled or required to be enrolled in school under state law
• Meets assessment requirements
• Maryland residency/photo I.D.
• Access to computer and internet

For more information go to:
labor.maryland.gov/gedmd/nedp.shtml