Students who are under age 21 and who wish to complete a high school diploma may be eligible to receive a WA state diploma through Grays Harbor College.

After reading the following, if you would like to explore this possibility please contact Melissa Barnes at 360-538-4096 or by email at mbarnes@ghc.edu.

Program Requirements for students under age 21:

1. Students must have passed the required state tests for their college year or state-approved alternatives to the tests. Beginning with the class of 2015, this includes the Biology End-of-Course (EOC) exam.

2. Students must complete 20 credits in the designated disciplines specified in our program. Students must earn a minimum of five credits from Grays Harbor College in order to receive our diploma.

3. Students must meet with a counselor and set up a High School and Beyond Plan.

4. Students who entered 9th grade before 2011 must complete a culminating project. To do so, students take an approved class that requires a substantial project or research paper. In addition to meeting all of the requirements of the class, students present their findings to a panel designated by the High School Completion coordinator. Students may choose from the following approved courses:

   English& 102 – English Composition II
   English 252 – Survey of World Literature
   Film 125 – Film Interpretation

All previous high school and college transcripts will be evaluated.

One high school credit can be earned for every five college-level credits of course work completed. One credit can also be earned for the following courses: English 095, Read 090, Math 095 and Math 098. The following courses are counted at .5 credit: English 060, Math 060 and 070, Read 080.

Admission and Registration Procedures:

1. Take the placement test at the Student Support Center. Call 538-4099 for the drop in testing schedule.

2. Bring or mail an official high school transcript to the high school completion counselor at the Student Support Center.

3. Complete a Grays Harbor College admissions application online or in paper form and return it to the Office of Admissions and Records. In the box labeled “A Major Area of Study” write High School Completion.
4. Make an appointment with the high school completion advisor during the quarterly registration periods. The advisor will help you to select courses that fulfill your requirements.

Costs:

1. Students 19 or older pay a reduced tuition of $6.67 per college credit using the tuition reduction form signed by the college counselor. This reduced tuition applies only to course applicable to the high school diploma.

2. Students 18 or younger must pay full resident or non-resident tuition.

3. Basic Education Courses, if needed, are offered for a total cost of $25 per quarter, regardless of the number of credits taken. BASED courses may not comprise more than four high school credits of the student work.

4. Students must purchase textbooks and pay other fees as required.

Alternative Means of Earning Credits (must be verified)

1. Apprentice Training. One high school credit for completion of a union or employer program of at least 180 hours of instruction.

2. Job Training. One-half high school credit for each documented 120 hours of on-the-job training completed.

3. Employment or work experience. One credit for each 405 hours of work completed, to a maximum of 4.5 credits (1832 hours). The student must document the hours and provide a supervisor's evaluation of work.

4. Military training. Basic training (8-10 weeks) – one credit. Service schools – one-half credit for each three week service school beyond basic training.

5. Civic Responsibility. One elective credit may be earned for 500 documented hours of volunteer service to a community based non-profit organization.