

September 17, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: William A. Jenkins

FROM: Lawrence M. Clark
Assistant Provost

SUBJECT: Adult Basic Education Program

Attached is a report from Dr. Jane Vella pertaining to the Adult Basic Education Program for Physical Plant employees. It is my understanding that there is a need for two graduate assistantships at \$8000 each for this program to continue. If you wish to discuss this program further, please contact me.

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Attachment

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM NCSU

Physical Plant

ACCE

For the past six years the physical plant department, in conjunction with the Adult Basic Education Project of the Department of Adult and Community College Education has offered classes in developing literacy and numeracy skills to self-selected workers. Personnel records indicate that of 600 physical plant workers over 200 have not completed high school and 70 have not acquired their eighth grade diploma.

The ABE Project was not refunded as such by the Department of Community Colleges in Fiscal Year 1980.

However, a large number (up to 40) of physical plant employees have applied to take the classes which are offered four hours a week during their forty-hour work week.

We now need to institutionalize this service by making available to the Department of Adult and Community College Education two ABE teaching assistantships. This will also provide invaluable training and practical experience to graduate students in adult education, in reading and math education. It will provide the School of Education with an adult education laboratory for research in methodology and materials development.

It will cost the university \$8000 a year for each assistantship. (12 months)

As soon as these two assistantships are established, we can start the new series of ABE-GED classes. This is a positive step in catalysing upward mobility of entry level laborers in the physical plant.