Forum for Excellence 2016 was full of great sessions on effective strategies and state and federal requirements. Sessions gave great insight into WIOA using Integrated Career & Academic Preparations System (ICAPS), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Pathways to Results (PTR), dual credit, and especially highlighting the important partnership between Career and Technical and Adult Education.

Attendees were greeted and inspired by Dr. Lazaro Lopez, Board Chair of the Illinois Community College Board. Dr. Edward Burger, President. Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas followed providing stimulating innovation and creative thinking.

The conference ended with an informative wrap-up with Jennifer K. Foster, Deputy Director for Adult Education and Workforce and Dr. Brian Durham, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs at the ICCB providing an overview on aspects of WIOA at the national and state level.

“Helping Adult Ed Students Advance to and Succeed in College” - Hilary Hodge, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor of Adult Education and Julissa Cruz, District Director of Adult Education, City Colleges of Chicago
To view the archived webinar on IET Models go to:

siue.edu/SIPDC and click on Building IET Models

Transitions Blog

To view the latest information and to share ideas with other Adult Educators in Illinois, visit the Transitions blog at:

http://www.illinoistransitions.blogspot.com/
New Webinars Available:

A series of online webinars were presented this fall through the partnership of the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support—(ICSPS) and the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center-(SIPDC). Check out the archived sessions below.

**OCTAE Employability Skills Framework Overview – Part 1**

Experience an overview of OCTAE’s new Employability Skills Framework: Applied Knowledge, Effective Relationships, and Workplace Skills. Brainstorm strategies and other designs for integration of workplace skills into your classroom and resources to support your instruction.

Go to siue.edu/SIPDC and click on OCTAE Employability Skills—Part 1 & 2

**OCTAE Employability Skills Framework Overview – Part 2**

Building on the overview of OCTAE’s new Employability Skills Framework: Applied Knowledge, Effective Relationships, and Workplace Skills, experience specific applications of integrating employability skills into adult education classrooms. Gain resources to support your instruction.

Go to siue.edu/SIPDC and click on OCTAE Employability Skills—Part 1 & 2

**Overview of Team Teaching Continuum**

This webinar provides an overview of the three stages of the Illinois Team Teaching Continuum. The presenters outline each stage and provide examples of how the continuum is being implemented in programs across Illinois.

Go to siue.edu/SIPDC and click on Illinois Team Teaching Continuum

**Engaging Advisory Boards**

This webinar explores ways to engage with your program Advisory Boards. Representative from Illinois Community Colleges share strategies that have worked to engage, develop and sustain Advisory Boards for their CTE programs.

Go to siue.edu/SIPDC and click on Engaging Advisory Boards

**Building an IET Model**

Integrated Education and Training (IET) models began with Accelerating Opportunity and continued to evolve in Illinois at the Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS). Today IET had been established as an integral part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). This webinar will explores and explains the IET as defined in WIOA, and outlines the Illinois IET model framework. The expanded framework will help increase capacity and contribute to student success and transition.

Go to siue.edu/SIPDC and click on Building IET Models
Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support
Presents
Special Populations Support Strategies Webinar Series

Join the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPS) as they explore evidence-based strategies to effectively recruit and retain students from Special Populations, as defined by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act. There are 4 archived webinars in this series. During each, strategies are discussed and resources provided.

Super Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Students with Limited English Proficiency Webinar
Super Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Single Parents and Displaced Homemakers Webinar
Super Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Students Pursuing Nontraditional Occupations (NTO) Webinar
Super Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Students with Disabilities Webinar

Access any of these archived webinar through this link:
http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/2016/10/special-populations-support-strategies-webinar-series/

Resources from LINCS

The CUNY HSE Curriculum Framework--Classroom Supports and Career Pathway Connections


Beyond the GED: Promising Models for Moving High School Dropouts to College
http://www.mdrc.org/sites/default/files/Beyond_the_GED_FR_0.pdf
Adult Education Masters Courses online at SIUE

Are you thinking of starting the Online Adult/Continuing Education Master's option at SIUE?

Reports are in! Current students find the Adult Education courses are flexible in design and meet a wide range of career options!

Please note: prior learning assessment is now available. If you have completed prior online learning modules through the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center, this may be applicable to the course below.

ADED 522 Program Planning in Adult and Continuing Education.
Introduction to designing and planning curriculum for the adult learner. Modules used in this class include a range of skills needed to develop and assess adult programming. Course meets the core course CI 563 requirement for the Adult Education Master’s program option.
8-week course

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Career Pathways Basic Skills Curriculum - Coming Soon!
You asked for it and it will be available soon! SIPDC is using the excellent experience and knowledge of Illinois educators to create a Career Pathways Basic Skills Curriculum contextualized to Career Clusters. Modules include: Math, Literature and Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Career Awareness/Development. Employability/essential skills and digital literacy are infused throughout the curriculum and supporting lessons.

The curriculum is intended to be used with students reading levels 5-7 and ESL NRS levels 5-6 and are aligned with Career and College Readiness Standards and Illinois Content Standards. Look for more information on the SIPDC website soon.
The Transitioning Continuum of Professional Development is available through the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center (SIPDC). It provides free online professional development to improve transition knowledge from basic to complex.

Online modules include:

**Technology 101**
**Integrating Career Awareness**
**Career Development 101**
  - Soft Skills
  - Interview Techniques
  - Resume Writing
  - Goal Setting
  - Self-Advocacy
  - Job Applications
  - Multiple Intelligences
**Introduction to Career Clusters**
**Bridge Program Development Basics**
**College Readiness 101**
**Intro to Special Learning Needs**
**Team Teaching (via World Ed)**
**Advance Organizers 101**
**Developing Career/Transition Plans**
**Job Shadowing**
**Communication**
**Critical Thinking/Problem Solving**
**Career Development 201 Overview**
**College Readiness 201**
**Workplace Systems & Culture**
**How to Keep Your Job**
**Testing Accommodations and the GED**
**Advanced Integrated and Contextualized Instruction**
**Learning Techniques to Improve Technology in the Classroom**

**Newest Modules!**

- ESL/ABE/ASE Research Concepts
- Teaching and Using Technology in the Classroom
- Integrated Learning Outcomes for Team Teachers
- Career Ready Practices
- Instructor Development and Evaluation
- Strategies for Marketing the ICAPS Program
- What I Wish I’d Known Before Starting My ICAPS Programs
- Strategies that Work in Marketing and Selection of ICAPS Students
- Creating and Sustaining Partnerships for the College Navigator
- Incorporating Contextualized Math into the Classroom

**Contact the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center for more information**
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**Matching Mainstream Technology Solutions to Assist Adults with Learning**
**Career Ready Practices**
**21st Century Illinois: Adult Education and Career Training System**
**Smart Phone Apps for Education**
North Carolina Network for Excellence in Teaching NC-NET has developed a resource toolkit to support instructors as they seek to further enhance how their courses address employability competencies. Each teaching resource module contains instructional materials including activities, student handouts, assessment rubrics, and an annotated copy of the presentation. An appendix at the back of the toolkit contains links to additional suggested resources for teaching employability skills. This tool kit is free and downloadable. It closely aligns to the OCTAE Employability Skills Framework (see graphic below).

http://www.nc-net.info/employability.php

cte.ed.gov/employabilityskills

Be sure to visit the ICAPS website at:
http://www.icapsillinois.com/
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