Now Available!
Career Pathways Contextualized Basic Skills Curriculum

You asked for it and it is now available! SIPDC has used the excellent experience and knowledge of Illinois educators to create a Career Pathways Basic Skills Curriculum contextualized to Career Clusters. Special thanks to Alice Daniels of Rock Valley, principal creator. 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 is aligned with Career and College Readiness Standards and Illinois Content Standards. This curriculum can be found at:

www.siue.edu/SIPDC/Library/Resource_Library.htm

Save the Date
September 19 & 20, 2017
Bloomington-Normal
Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

The Forum for Excellence is Illinois’ premier professional development event. The conference highlights the continuing partnership of Career, Technical and Adult Education in Illinois. The Forum is sponsored by the Illinois Community College Board, and hosted by the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support, the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center, and the Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center.

For more information and to register visit
icaps.illinoisstate.edu/pd/forum-for-excellence/

See page 8 for additional information!
ICAPS Support Webinar Series

The Southern Illinois Professional Development Center in partnership with the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support present the following:

Developing an ICAPS Program Using the Process Checklist for IET Models

This session is designed for programs beginning to create an integrated program or those wanting to increase their knowledge of IET. Join a panel of experienced ICAPS teams as you walk through the steps to develop a successful Integrated Education Program. View the newly created Process Checklist to guide you from concept to application.

March 22 — 10:00-11:00 am

To register: http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/2017/01/developing-an-icaps-program-using-the-process-

Tips for Successful Development and Delivery of an ICAPS Support Course

Join a panel of experienced ICAPS teams to learn the what an ICAPS Support Course is, the purpose, the components of the course, and the outcomes. Hear what went well for these veteran programs, what they learned through practice, and what tools are available for your use.

April 13 — 10:00-11:00 am

To register: http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/2017/01/tips-for-successful-development-and-delivery-of-an-icaps-support-course/

Building Capacity of Existing ICAPS Programs

Join a forum for discussion with existing ICAPS programs addressing pressing employment/training needs in your region, considerations for expanding capacity of your program, creative programming ideas, and how to do fully serve students within our fiscal climate. Guest presenters for this session is Michael Baker of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dan Deasy, College of Dupage, Laura Williams, Danville Area Community College, Peggy Henrich and Anne Hauca, Elgin Community College.

Effective Strategies for Team Teachers

Join this panel discussion in which experienced team teachers will share their experiences and answer your questions. The discussion will cover topics that can assist in the implementation of a team teaching model or be used to help you overcome difficulties you have encountered in your ICAPS program. In this webinar we will also share some useful resources for team teachers.

May 3 — 10:00-11:00 am

To register: http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/2017/01/effective-strategies-for-team-teachers/
The **Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPS)** creates, supports, and delivers professional development for career and technical education professionals across Illinois. ICSPS provides technical assistance, develops publications, and facilitates program improvement strategies for our partners as they relate to college transition, recruitment, retention, and completion—encouraging achievement of special populations learners.

Registration can be found: [http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/](http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/)

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**Perkins Administrator Meeting**

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPS) invite CTE professionals explore the new Uniform Grant Guidance, EDGAR, the Perkins legislation and WIOA’s impact on CTE with our guest speaker Michael Brustein from Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC.

Following the workshop the CTE Team of the ICCB will provide an overview of the FY18 Postsecondary Perkins Grant Guidelines, updates on monitoring and upcoming professional development and an opportunity for colleges to meet their ICCB liaison. The second part of this meeting is for Postsecondary Perkins Administrators only.

*Time and Location:*

March 23, 2017  
9:00am – 3:00pm

Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
201 Broadway Avenue  
Normal, IL 61761

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**Special Populations Summit**

The Special Populations Summit is an opportunity for Career and Technical Education professions to learn about the innovative initiatives and activities that have been developed through the FY17 Special Populations Support Grant. The Summit will also feature national resources related to serving special populations and resources.

*Time and Location:*

May 23, 2017  
10:00am – 2:00pm

Illinois State University  
Alumni Center – Room 118  
1101 North Main Street  
Normal, IL 61761
World Education: E-Learning

World Education E-Learning offers professional development online courses to help adult education professionals prepare their learners to transition to college and careers. Courses are available through our calendar or can be scheduled for groups. Courses include:

- College Readiness for Adults: Beyond Academic Preparation
- Contextualized Instruction
- Finding True North – Role of the Navigator
- Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE and ESOL Classroom
- Navigating Pathways to Opportunity: Comprehensive Student Supports
- Team Teaching – Models and Practice
- Team Teaching an Integrated Curriculum

Learn more at http://elearningpd.worlded.org

2017 Effective Transitions in Adult Education Conference

Early registration opens on March 15th ~ www.collegetransition.org

Connect and engage with colleagues from across the country at the National College Transition Network’s 11th annual conference on Effective Transitions in Adult Education on November 13 - 15, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings, Providence (Warwick), RI.

This conference is a time to join with adult education, workforce development, and postsecondary educators, advisors, and administrators in a community of peers to:

- Share strategies for partnership and collaboration to enhance programming
- Recharge and renew with innovative practices
- Take away new ideas, new friends, and contacts

Gathering to affirm a shared vision of access to educational and economic opportunity for adult learners is more important than ever. The conference is designed to strengthen our practice, and catalyze collaboration as we address how changes in the national landscape are experienced in our work at the local level.

Among the workshop themes are: foundational skills, acceleration strategies, career pathways, partnerships, college and career readiness, equity and diversity, advising and comprehensive support services, policy and practice, leadership, curriculum design, program models and technology integration.
Learn To Earn

"The National Center for Families Learning has created a new resource for adults working to increase their employability skills. Learn to Earn's website content is presented at intermediate and advanced ELL levels, which correspond to intermediate and advanced basic skills for adult basic education." Includes free downloadable instructor materials.

http://learntoearntoolkit.org/

From the Website:
Using the Learn to Earn Toolkit, you’ll build skills to prepare you for the workforce. Through your training on the Learn to Earn Toolkit, you will:
Create your personal account and profile
Be introduced to 10 topic areas of learning for the workforce
• Learn specific lessons within each topic area
• Explore career possibilities
• Learn new vocabulary in context

Integrating Safety Information into Career Pathways

The U.S. Department of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has free lessons about workplace safety that can be used in the classroom. The only requirement is to adhere to the information in the disclaimer and follow the copyright information for proper use of the materials. The lessons can be found at https://www.osha.gov/dte/grant_materials/material_listing_topic.html

Free Easy Online Computer Courses (and why they are needed)

The executive Summary of a March, 2015 report begins "In the middle-skill job market, the world is increasingly divided between the jobs that demand digital skills and the ones that don’t—and the ones that don’t are falling behind."
The report continues, "Much of the debate over technology in the workforce has focused on sophisticated skills, such as writing code. But the more significant impact on the middle-skill job market is in the humbler world of everyday software: spreadsheets and word processing, programs for medical billing and running computerized drill presses. To a large extent, a job seeker without the ability to use this software won’t even get in the door."

The Digital Learn website has basic computer courses that are short, have audio, and are also available in Spanish. Below is the link and a description from the website.
https://www.digitallearn.org/

“If you are new to computers, haven’t used them for a while, are a little unsure and uncomfortable, or just need a bit of a refresher, we have the tools to help you tackle technology at your own pace and gain the confidence you need to succeed.”
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!**

- OCTAE Employability Skills Overview & Resources
- 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

**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**

Contact the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center for more information: sipdctrainer@gmail.com
Legislative Awareness Day at the Capitol

- Bring your students
- Tour the Capitol
- Meet with Legislators
- Visit Historical Sites

Contact: Jeff Campbell
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Wednesday, March 29, 2017
11:00 Table Displays, First floor of Capitol
1:00 Rally in the Capitol Rotunda

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/

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

Share your expertise by submitting a request for presentation for the 2017 Forum for Excellence at icsps.illinoisstate.edu/pd/forum-for-excellence/

Topic Areas for the Forum Include:

- Innovative Instruction
- Employer Engagement
- Using Data for Program Improvement
- Academic and Career Advising/Counseling

OCTAE Employability Skills Framework Overview

Experience an overview of OCTAE’s new Employability Skills Framework:

- Applied Knowledge
- Effective Relationships
- Workplace Skills

See specific applications of integrating employability skills into adult education classrooms. These sessions provide a multitude of resources and classroom planning ideas ready for use.

Professional development hours are available for these sessions. If you already have access to the Transitioning Continuum, log in and look for unit 27. If you would like access to this training, email sipdctrainer@gmail.com and ask for access to the Transitioning Continuum.
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