

Statewide Career Pathways Basic Skills Curriculum – Introduction and Instructions for Use

The focus of the Statewide Career Pathways Basic Skills Curriculum is to introduce a variety of fields to educate and train workers for sustainable employment or post-secondary training. The goal is to combine adult education academics with the skills needed in the workplace through contextualized instruction. The instruction includes a combination of identified workplace competencies, career exploration, and basic skills presented in an occupational context.

The following modules are included in this curriculum:

- Contextualized Language Arts
- Contextualized Math
- Contextualized Science
- Contextualized Social Studies
- Career Awareness

Each of the modules is organized in a similar fashion to streamline usage.

The “Module” file contains the curriculum framework which is organized in the following sections:

- Module Content
- Outcomes
- Targeted ABE/ASE Standards
- Targeted ELA Standards
- Targeted IEL/CE Competencies
- Activities & Resources
- Assessment
- ELL Resources / Instructor Notes

The "Resources" file contains all the handouts and materials referenced in the Module document to support instruction and assessment.

The outcomes have been correlated with the Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards, which were correlated to the Common Core State Standards and to OCTAE’s College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for Adult Education. The curriculum is for reading levels 5-7 and ESL levels 5-6. There are overarching considerations for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction and Special Learning Needs.

These modules are designed to stand alone or to be used in an integrated fashion. Each of the contextualized content modules can provide expanded opportunities for our students to learn and grow. Teachers should feel empowered to begin with this rich curriculum and add their own knowledge, experiences, and engaging opportunities for learning.

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