

# Bridge Learning Community



# Bridge Learning Community Purpose



- Fulfill the mission of the **Transitions Academy**
- Increase knowledge of documentation and compliance
- Share information, ask questions, and learn from one another
- Explore partnerships
- Provide a safe place to share challenges and provide support

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# **Building Back to Strengthen the Path Forward**

Thank you to...

Becky DeForest from City Colleges of Chicago and  
Judy Fairbairn & Jonathan Meter from Pui Tak  
Center

...for coming to speak with us today.

## **Auto Tech Bridge**

1. Overview of Auto Tech Bridge
2. Building the Auto Tech Bridge curriculum
3. Operational concerns

## **Information Technology Bridge**

4. Past iteration of the IT Bridge (ran from 2018 to 2020)
5. New version of the IT Bridge (started 2023)
6. Building curriculum
7. Operational concerns

# Auto Tech Bridge & ICAPs

- Created in 2024
- Piloted at our Truman campus
- Expanded to our Olive-Harvey campus in 2025



# How did the Auto Tech Bridge come to be?

- Dean of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Ed dean at our Truman College campus discovered it would be mutually beneficial to make a pathway for AE students to get trained in automotive technology
- More stakeholders were brought into the conversation to see viability and get buy-in
- Regular meetings were established between AE Transitions team and Auto Tech credit department to begin formal planning.

# Auto Tech Career Bridge Course Sequence

Bridge	Sem 1	AE	Auto Tech Language Arts High Intermediate (ABE NRS 4)
		AE	ABE Math High Intermediate (ABE NRS 4)
ICAPS	Sem 2	Credit	Auto Tech 101 Taught by credit teacher; AE teacher sits in
		AE	Support class
	Sem 3	Credit	Auto Tech 103 Taught by credit teacher; AE teacher sits in
		Credit	Auto Tech 104 Taught by credit teacher; AE teacher sits in
		AE	Support class
	Sem 4	Credit	Auto Tech 109
		Credit	Auto Tech 209

# Steps in Creating a New Bridge Curriculum

Pre-Plan	Outline the Course	Build Core Materials	Build Wraparound Learning Activities
<p>Collaborate with credit leadership &amp; instructors</p> <p>Decide final credential &amp; set course sequence</p> <p>View textbooks, syllabus &amp; curriculum for workforce training component to come in ICAPS</p>	<p>Backwards map the skills students will need to build before entering workforce training/ICAPS</p> <p>Establish Bridge course objectives (industry knowledge &amp; ABE/GED skills)</p> <p>Decide how many instructional hours will be needed for course</p> <p>Identify 8-10 interesting &amp; relevant industry topics; set as unit themes for Bridge course</p>	<p>Find and adapt existing articles - or chapters of credit textbook</p> <p>Research &amp; write original articles</p> <p>Adjust text difficulty up or down as needed</p> <p>Search for images, videos and other key media</p>	<p>Create comprehension quizzes for articles</p> <p>Select vocabulary words &amp; build vocab practice activities</p> <p>Create discussion prompts &amp; writing response activities</p> <p>Organize Brightspace assignments &amp; gradebook</p>

# Steps in Creating a New Bridge Curriculum

## Finalize Course

Write teacher lesson plan for each unit to include brief description of each activity

Create syllabus

## Start Pilot Cohort!

## Solicit Feedback

Speak with instructors & Transition Specialists for pilot cohorts

Learn what students struggled with & what improvements should be made

## Make Revisions to Course

Rewrite or add to Brightspace materials

# **Auto Tech - Operational Concerns**

# IT Bridge & ICAPs

- Created in 2024
- Piloted at our Wright campus
- Expanded to our Kennedy-King campus the following semester



# How did the IT Bridge come to be?

- In 2018, we ran an earlier version of an IT Bridge/ICAPS program which consisted of two credit classes in Computer and Information Science (CIS) followed by the A+ exam from CompTIA.
- Students did OK in the credit classes but none passed the A+ exam.
- The pandemic happened, and the program scattered to the wind.

# How did the IT Bridge come to be?

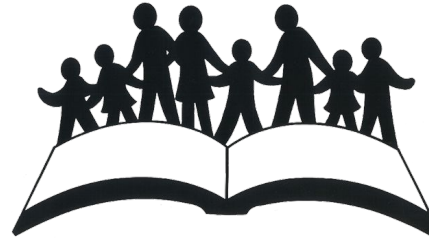
- In 2021, AE leadership expressed interest in restarting the IT Bridge/ICAPS but doing it differently.
- We eliminated the credit class component and instead focused just on the workforce credential. We went with a more introductory level credential, also from CompTIA, which is Tech+.

# IT Career Bridge Course Sequence

Bridge	Sem 1	AE	IT Lang Arts I High Intermediate (ABE NRS 4)
		AE	ABE Math or Writing - varies by campus & cohort
	Sem 2	AE	IT Lang Arts II Low ASE (ASE NRS 5)
AE		ABE Math or Writing - varies by campus & cohort	
ICAPS	Sem 3	Vocational	CompTIA Tech+ exam prep course Taught by credit teacher; AE teacher sits in
		AE	Support class

# IT Bridge - Operational Concerns

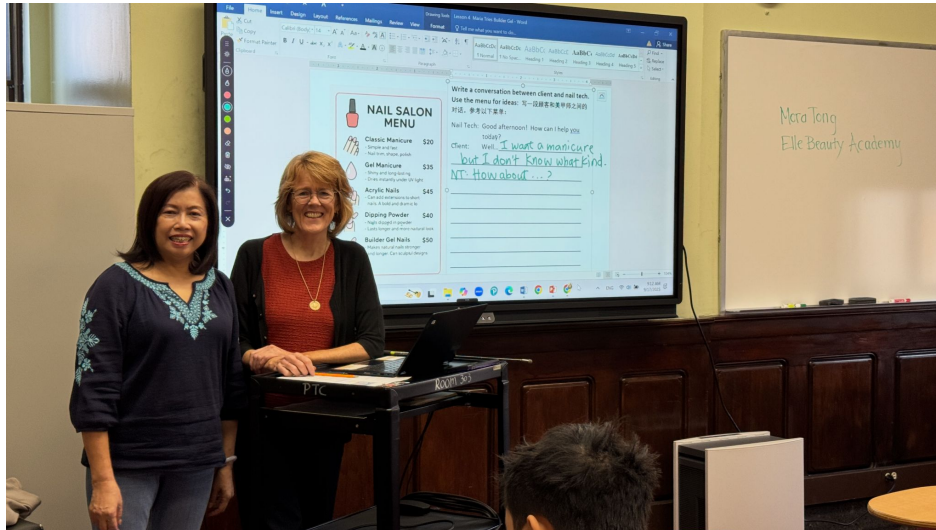
# Beauty & Nails Bridge



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Tutoring Program → Bridge Creation → Bridge Pilot → Proposed ICAPS



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## Tutoring Program →

### “English for Beauty and Nails”

- Offered through the tutoring program
- Part of a suite of specialized summer English classes
- An “informal bridge”
- Open to NRS ESL Level 4 and above
- Began in 2019



**成人辅助班夏季课程**  
6月3日到8月5日 2023

**一对一辅导**  
第二级和以上

- 与您的导师安排时间 (2级以上)
- 线上或现场

 <p><b>看医生</b> (二级和以上) 周二: 3:00-4:30 pm 线上</p>	 <p><b>初级会话班</b> (初级和以上) 周六: 10:00-11:30 线上</p>	 <p><b>国际音标</b> (初级和以上) 周六: 8:15-9:45 线上</p>	 <p><b>美容美甲英语</b> 周六: 8:15-9:45 (二级和以上) 线上</p>
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在此网址或二维码注册 <https://tinyurl.com/tutoringsummer23>  
或联系 [judyfairbairn@puitak.org](mailto:judyfairbairn@puitak.org) 312-328-1188 x219



即使您上学期参加了该课程，您仍需要重新注册。

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## Tutoring Program →

### “English for Beauty and Nails” (continued)

- Continued through FY25
- Offered online
- Specifically for nail technicians, masseuses, and beauticians, but open to all.
- Covered vocabulary and processes for manicures, pedicures, massage, skin care, make-up, and hair styling.
- Focus on helping technicians talk to customers:
  - Describe services, ask/answer questions, and deal with customer requests.



成人辅助班夏季课程  
**美甲沙龙行业英语**  
7月12日 - 8月16日 2024  
周五: 8:00-9:30 A.M.  
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**一对一辅导员**  
(英文水平第一级和以上)  
与您的辅导老师商定时间

该课程将在线和现场进行。

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## Tutoring Program →

2023-2024 Flyers



### Tutoring Summer Program

June 3 – August 5, 2023

**1-1 Tutoring**  
Levels 2 and up

- Arrange the time with your tutor
- Online or Onsite



**Doctor Visit**  
(Level 2 and up)  
**Tuesday**  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Online



**Beginning Conversation**  
(Beginning level and up)  
**Saturday**  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
Online

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**Int'l Phonetic Alphabet IPA Phonics**  
(All levels)  
**Saturday**  
8:15-9:45 a.m.  
Online



**English for Beauty & Nails**  
(Level 2 and up)  
**Saturday** 8:15-9:45  
Online

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All students from last term need to register again.



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## Nail Salon English

July 7- August 16, 2024

Friday: 8:00-9:30 A.M.

(Book 2 and above)



Scan QR code for both class and 1-1:

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## 1-1 Tutoring

(For Book 1 students and up)  
You can meet a 1-1 tutor once a week during your free time

Class & Tutoring both online and onsite

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## Bridge Creation →

### Needs & Barriers:

- Technicians, and students interested in becoming technicians: Need ESL, pathway to licensing and/or entrepreneurship.
- Employers: Need licensed technicians able to communicate with/upsell to customers.
- Customers: Service, sanitation, communication.
- State licensing: Tuition fees or fines, certifications other languages

### Cooperation: Elle Beauty Academy

- Local, licensed, experienced, and multilingual partner who understands our students.

### Curriculum development:

- Contextualize vocational post-secondary textbook material (Milady) for beginning-intermediate ESL.
- Multilingual instruction

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## Bridge Pilot →

FY 26: Two offerings

### 1. Core ESL class:

- On site, four times per week
  - Monday - Thursday, 8-10am, seven weeks
- Multilevel class for NRS ESL 3-6 (High Beginning - Advanced)
- Focus on nail salon conversation and licensing exam prep

### 2. Supplemental ESL class:

- Online, once per week
  - Fridays, 8-10am, seven weeks
- NRS ESL 4+ (Low Intermediate)
- Survey of nail salon vocabulary, processes, and some licensing prep.



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## Bridge Pilot →

### What we have observed

- Lack of study materials in appropriate ESL Levels.
  - Had to write own curriculum.
- Most students' level too low to grasp complex vocabulary.
- Student interest remained steady.
- Most are interested in pursuing licensure,
  - Possible candidates for ICAPS class.
  - Discount on the 350-hour training requirement.

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## 美容美甲行业英语课程

### Beauty & Nails English Class

2025年9月1日到10月17日

周一到周四 8点到10点 (初级到中级水平)  
在培德中心现场 2216 S. Wentworth Ave.

\*缩短在线课程\* 周五上午8点至10点。(终极到高级水平)



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Questions? 询问? 联系黄莎莎 Contact Sarah Huang:  
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## Bridge Pilot →

External partner:

- Internationally licensed & experienced
  - Teaches in a multilingual environment.
  - Taught for Truman College's cosmetology program.
- Trusted in the community
  - Organized and professional.
- Years of practical industry knowledge
  - Understands employers and students.
- Potential for expanded cooperation:
  - Cosmetology + Nail Technology = Esthetics.



## Elle International Beauty Academy

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Tel 电话: 312-225-0988

Website 网址: [www.ellebeautyacademy.com](http://www.ellebeautyacademy.com)

### Tuition & Fees 学费

The following is the current tuition and fees. Prices effective 1/3/2024. All prices are subject to change.

以下是目前的学费价格，自2024年1月3日起生效。所有价格都可能发生变化。

#### Cosmetology 美发美容美甲全科

Time 学时: 1500 Hours
Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 7:00PM
周一至周五, 上午十点至下午七点
Registration 报名费.....\$100.00
Tools 学杂费.....\$900.00
Tuition 学费.....\$8899.00
Total 合计.....\$9899.00

#### Nail Technology 美甲专科

Time 学时: 350 Hours
Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 7:00PM
周一至周五, 上午十点至下午七点
Registration 报名费.....\$100.00
Tools 学杂费.....\$300.00
Tuition 学费.....\$2199.00
Total 合计.....\$2599.00

#### Esthetics 美容专科

Time 学时: 750 Hours
Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 7:00PM
周一至周五, 上午十点至下午七点
Registration 报名费.....\$100.00
Tools 学杂费.....\$600.00
Tuition 学费.....\$6899.00
Total 合计.....\$7599.00

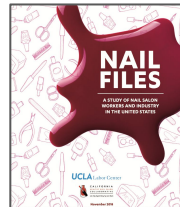
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## Proposed ICAPS

- Nail Technician license is not ([yet](#)) offered in Chinese
- Different students, different needs:
  - Pui Tak Center ESL students are introduced to the industry through the Bridge/ICAPS.
  - Chinatown beauty academy students need ESL to pass the state exam.
  - Low-income students receive tuition discount/license fee assistance through ICAPS.
- Scalability: Needs and barriers not exclusive to Chinatown
  - [UCLA Labor Center report: Nail Files: A Study of Nail Salon Workers and Industry in the United States. 2018.](#)



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Future Bridge Learning Community Dates:

November 20  
Let's Chat