

Statewide Career Basic Skills Curriculum – Instructions for Use

The focus of the Statewide 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:

- Career Awareness
- Contextualized Literature & Arts
- Contextualized Math
- Contextualized Science
- Contextualized Social Studies

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

- Introduction to Module
- Module
- Activities/Resources for Module Outcomes
- References
- Resource File*

*Some of the modules contain this extra “Resource” file with supplemental information. Other modules have all of the resources contained within “Activities/Resources” file.

The “Module” file contains the curriculum framework which is organized in four columns:

- Outcomes/Standards
- Content
- Activities/Resources
- 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.