

CONFERENCES  
OF INTEREST

- **National Career Pathways Network**  
Oct 17-19, 2012  
Richmond VA
- **National Council for Workforce Education**  
Oct 20-23, 2012  
Long Beach, CA
- **Central & Southern Service Centers Fall Conference**  
Nov 14-16, 2012  
Effingham, IL  
[www.siu.edu/SIPDC](http://www.siu.edu/SIPDC)
- **Adult Learning Resource Center Fall Conference**  
Nov 30, 2012  
Bloomington, IL  
[www.theceterweb.org](http://www.theceterweb.org)

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# Transitions Professional Development

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## Welcome to the first edition of the Transitions e-Newsletter

The Southern Illinois Professional Development Center (SIPDC) is responsible for ensuring all programs in Illinois receive quality professional development opportunities in the area of transitioning. We work with the eight programs participating in Accelerating Opportunity and work jointly with the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Development (ICSPS) to provide professional development opportunities for ICAPS programs participating in the Transitions Academy. We also provide Bridge Basics and other professional development opportunities for the Bridge programs participating in the Transitions Academy, as well as technical assistance and additional online and face-to-face training for these and other programs in the state. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep the field aware of various quality professional development opportunities locally, regionally, statewide and nationally.

## 2012-13 Transitions Academy

The first ICCB Adult Education Transitions Academy launched July 31st & August 1st, 2012 in Effingham, Illinois. The Transitions Academy is designed to assist colleges and partnerships working on developing Bridge and ICAPS (Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System) Programs by increasing awareness of the expanding partnership between Adult Education and Career and Technical Education as it relates to the ICAPS model, Accelerating Opportunity, Illinois Bridge programs, and Illinois Programs of Study.

This is an intense six to eight month project which includes technical assistance in the development of Bridge and ICAPS Programs.

Programs participating are expected to develop a Bridge Program in an area that shows labor market demand in their region and to implement the project within their institution with adult learners. Programs planning ICAPS will prepare to offer industry recognized credentials/certificates.

This year's academy has Bridge development programs from **Illinois Eastern Community College, Illinois Valley Community College, Greater West Town Development Project, and Decatur Public School District #61**. Those programs developing ICAPS programs are **Illinois Central College, Parkland College, Kishwaukee College and Black Hawk College**.

Also participating are the eight Accelerating Opportunity colleges:

**College of Lake County  
Lincoln Land College  
Lakeland College  
McHenry College  
Elgin Community College  
Lewis & Clark Community College  
Danville Area Community College  
Daley College**



**2012-2013 Transitions  
Academy Participants**

## Creating a Successful Bridge Program: A “How To” Guide

[http://www.iccb.org/pdf/shiftinggears/ICCB\\_2012BridgeGuide\\_web.pdf](http://www.iccb.org/pdf/shiftinggears/ICCB_2012BridgeGuide_web.pdf)

This guidebook is comprehensive and concrete, including basics, strategies, examples, and worksheets. It is organized to help new programs to anticipate essential steps and to help those who need “just in time information” for redesigning a program or improving a particular program element. Recognizing that bridge programs take a long time to develop, get right, and sustain, this guidebook also includes tips for the continuous improvements required to get the right population, adequate funding, best outcomes, and to adapt to changing contexts to sustain the effort.

Why are Bridge Programs needed?

Illinois is investing in bridge programs as a strategy to help more low-skilled and low-wage workers improve their skills, acquire postsecondary credentials, and move up to better jobs. This is not only good for our workers — it will also increase the productivity and competitiveness of employers in Illinois. Bridge programs integrate basic academic skills development with occupational education in the state’s key industry sectors: manufacturing, healthcare, transportation/distribution/logistics, and green technology.

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## Accelerating Opportunity

The Accelerating Opportunity website contains valuable information and materials relating to programs participating in Accelerating Opportunity as well as those in the Transitions Academy ICAPS programs. Visit the site: [www.iccb.org/accelerating.opportunity.html](http://www.iccb.org/accelerating.opportunity.html)

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# COMING SOON

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## Illinois Transitions Blog

This blog will support discussion and resources for educators interested in providing transitioning services and specifically for the Illinois Transitions Academy.

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Education and Career and Technical Education as it relates to the ICAPS model, Accelerating Opportunity, Illinois Bridge programs, and Illinois Programs of Study.

To find this blog, visit [www.siu.edu/SIPDC](http://www.siu.edu/SIPDC) or [www.icsps.illinoisstate.edu/](http://www.icsps.illinoisstate.edu/) to find a link to the blog.

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## Social Networking Platform

In partnership with ICSPS, SIPDC is creating a Social Networking Platform for Accelerating Opportunity programs and for Transitions Academy members to facilitate discussions and to encourage networking. Look for an email with more details.

# Transitioning Through Adult Education

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**  
**Career Development 101**  
**Career Pathways Core Training**  
**Integrating Career Awareness**  
**Bridge Program Development Basics**  
**College Readiness 101**  
**Team Teaching (through NCTN)**

The sessions build on each other and are interrelated in their content in the same manner as phases of transitioning are spiraling and build upon earlier concepts and skills. Once registered in the system, you may attend any sessions as many times as you wish. To register contact the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center at [sipdctrainer@gmail.com](mailto:sipdctrainer@gmail.com)

Future modules coming soon:

Intro to Special Learning Needs  
 Advanced Integrated & Contextualized Instruction  
 Job Application  
 Self-Advocacy  
 Multiple Intelligences

## Women Employed

By 2020, 67 percent of jobs will require a college degree or certificate, yet three million Illinois adults do not have a post-secondary education. To address this skills gap, Women Employed and the Chicago Jobs Council launched the Pathways to Careers Network, an initiative to increase college and career success for adult learners with low basic skills. The Network provides information on policies and programs that promote successful transitions from basic skill programs into college and career paths, facilitates connections in the education and workforce development field to share ideas and strategies to expand effective transitions programs, and shapes and advances a policy agenda that will prioritize adult student transitions to a degree or certificate program as a key human capital strategy for state leaders.

Visit <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/showReg?udc=cqoyeszclzgx> to register for the Network's upcoming interactive webinar on leveraging resources to fund bridge programs. Participate on October 30 at 12 noon to learn from experts how they leverage multiple funding streams including federal, state, and private dollars as well as how they get creative using existing funds to fund bridge programs.

Check out archives of Pathways to Careers Network webinars linked here:

[Connecting to a Career Pathway & Recruiting the Target Population 9-12-12](#)

[Tools You Can use: Improving Adult Student Transitions into College & Careers 4-12-12](#)

For more information on the Pathways to Careers Network, contact Mary Kay Devine, Director of Community Initiatives, at [mdevine@womenemployed.org](mailto:mdevine@womenemployed.org) or 312-782-3902 X 224.

# Adult Career Pathways (ACP)

Provides online access to:

- The latest information and research about ACP
- A resource collection of instructional materials
- Self-paced professional development courses
- A virtual community of practice
- Policy briefs on topics related to developing and implementing career pathways
- A calendar

## FREE REGISTRATION!

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## NCTN 2012 Conference

The sixth annual Effective Transitions in Adult Education Conference will take place on November 7 - 9, 2012 in Providence, RI

Conference Registration is now open! Register now at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Providence, RI to take advantage of the \$199 early bird rate.

[www.collegetransition.org/conferences.national2012.registration.html](http://www.collegetransition.org/conferences.national2012.registration.html)

# National College Transitions Network

## New Aspirations Toolkit

The Aspirations Toolkit is a set of counseling and instructional practices and tools contributed by adult educators around the country. Contributors implement these lessons and activities with adult learners in various class types (e.g. ESOL or GED) and at a range of skill levels to foster aspirations, goal setting habits and to inspire them to begin planning for next steps along their education and career pathway.

Free downloads:

<http://www.collegetransition.org/resources.aspirationstoolkit.html>

## Transitions to College Professional Studies AE

### WORLD EDUCATION

ProfessionalStudiesAE, a portal for online professional development in adult education and literacy, is running several transitions-related facilitated online courses this fall. You'll find high quality training on a wide range of topics.

Join us to explore evidence-based practices that you can use in your work with adult learners. Facilitated courses scheduled for this Fall are listed below. Visit [www.ProfessionalStudiesAE.org](http://www.ProfessionalStudiesAE.org) for the full course list including free self-paced courses. Individual cost of each course is \$249. Register early to ensure a spot. Contact Leah Peterson at 617-385-3740 or [lpeterson@worlded.org](mailto:lpeterson@worlded.org) with registration questions or to learn about our discount for groups of 5 or more.

Also, this fall season, NCTN is offering a webinar series on

- College Recommendations for Adult
- Intro to College for Transitioning Network
- College Readiness for English Language Learners
- Vocabulary Development.

### **Webinar #2: Academic Vocabulary Development**

Please email at [nctn@worlded.org](mailto:nctn@worlded.org) or call us at 617-482-9485

## College Readiness for Adults: Beyond Academic Preparation!

The overall objective of this course is to assist educators, counselors, administrators and postsecondary partners to better prepare their students for postsecondary education. You will identify, organize, and reflect on the broad

array of readiness skills and abilities that adults need to be successful in postsecondary education and training. Then you will consider how to change our practice to incorporate what we have learned.

**Schedule:**

October 25—  
December 17, 2012

**Fee:** \$249.00

## Introduction to College Transition Math

Reflect on your own and your students' math backgrounds, examine and experience the college placement test your students take, try out math activities and exercises you can use in your

classrooms, and explore the math knowledge and skills you will want to present to your own college transition students.

**Schedule:**

October 15—  
December 17, 2012

**Fee:** \$249.00

## LINCS Website

The new Career Pathways LINCS website has launched.

To register for the LINCS Community:

Go to <https://community.lincs.ed.gov/user/register>.

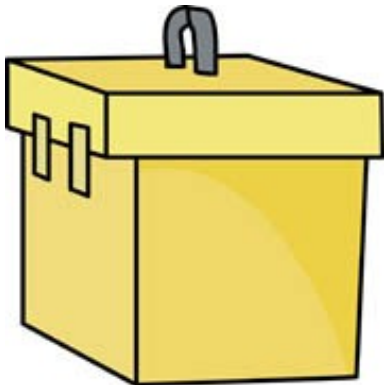
# ICCB CTE FY13 Regional Network

WORKSHOP TITLE	REGION	LOCATION	DATE
New Perkins Cohort Training	Illinois	Hilton Hotel Springfield Illinois State university	September 17, 2012 April 11, 2013
	Northern/ Northeast	College of DuPage	October 11, 2012
Introduction to Programs of Study	Central	Lincoln Land Community College	October 15, 2012
	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place	October 18, 2012
	Northeast	Harper College	October 31, 2012
Implementation and Evaluation of Programs of Study Through Pathways to Results	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place Mt. Vernon	November 5, 2012
	Central	Richland Community College	November 8, 2012
	Northern	Moraine Valley Community College	November 27, 2012
	Northeast	College of Lake County	November 30, 2012
Locally Identified Topic	Central	John Wood Community College	December TBA
	Northern	Elgin Community College	December 11, 2012
	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place Mt. Vernon	December 12, 2012
Using Data for CTE Program Improvement	Central	Lincoln Land Community College	February 4, 2013
	Northern	Joliet Junior College	February 7, 2013
	Northeast	Triton College	February 8, 2013
	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place Mt. Vernon	February 13, 2013



WORKSHOP TITLE	REGION	LOCATION	DATE
FY14 Perkins Regional Meetings	Northern	Kishwaukee College	March 5, 2013
	Northeast	Oakton Community College	March 14, 2013
	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place Mt. Vernon	March 19, 2013
	Central	Carl Sandburg College	March 20, 2013
Understanding the Perkins Measures	Northeast	Wilbur Wright College	April TBA
	Northern	Waubonsee Community College	April 4, 2013
	Central	Lincoln Land Community College	April 16, 2013
	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place	April 23, 2013
Locally Identified Topic	Central	Lincoln Land Community College	TBA
	Northeast	TBA	TBA
	Southern	Rend Lake Market Place Mt. Vernon	March 1, 2013
	Northern	Moraine Valley Community College	May 2, 2013

# Adult College Completion Toolkit



The Adult College Completion Toolkit is a collection of resources designed to connect state administrators and local practitioners to the strategies, resources, and technical assistance tools resulting from OVAE’s work in the area of adult education. The tool kit focuses on three key areas: access, quality, and completion. Four target student populations include veterans, adult basic education students, incarcerated individuals, and skilled immigrants.

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/resource/adult-college-completion>



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