The Integrated Career & Academic Preparation System (ICAPS), is the implementation of the IET (Integrated Education and Training) model in Illinois.

ICAPS aims to provide an integrated pathway in Career and Technical Education (CTE) for college credit and program certificate opportunities for Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) students that lack basic skills.

Through ICAPS programs students work to complete their high school equivalency and are co-enrolled in credit CTE courses/certificates through an integrated instructional model — supplemented by support courses, comprehensive student supportive services, and augmented by team teaching that includes CTE faculty and basic skills instructors. The model provides career pathway/employment opportunities for students while enabling their transition into additional postsecondary certificate/degree programs.

IET is... Integrated Education and Training

A service approach that provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement.

Definition from WIOA Section 203 (11)

ICAPS/IET Model One Components:

- Contextualized and Integrated Adult Education Curricula
- Career Development / Workforce Preparation
- Transition Services
- Technology Skills
- Employability Skills
- Comprehensive Student Support Services
- College Credit-bearing Career and Technical Education (Workforce Training)
- Shared Learning Objectives
- Team-Taught Environment
- Integrated Support Class
Results in:

- High School Equivalency (HSE)
- Industry Recognized Credentials
- Employment Opportunities
- Transferrable College Credit
- Stackable College Credentials

Professional Development to support ICAPS/IET – Illinois Transitions Academy

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 IET/ICAPS models, Illinois Bridge programs, and Illinois Programs of Study.