

ICSPS News - December 2016



Season's Greetings and Heartfelt Thanks from the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support!

In Case You Missed it:

This fall ICSPS has delivered a number of professional development series via webinar. We have archived the following series on our website to ensure you have continuing access to the material.

[The Electronic and Web Accessibility Series](#)

This series focused on developing an understanding of web accessibility laws and guidelines, their purpose, and current compliance standards. The first webinar in the series examines relevant legislation and introduces resources to help you self-assess your compliance. The second is broken into three parts that can be accessed independently and includes tutorials on creating accessible content on common programs.

[OCTAE Employability Skills Framework Series](#)

This webinar series was delivered by the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center (SIPDC) in partnership with ICSPS. It included an overview of OCTAE's new Employability Skills Framework: Applied Knowledge, Effective Relationships, and Workplace Skills.

[Special Populations Support Strategies Series](#)

In this series ICSPS presented evidence-based strategies to effectively recruit and retain students from Special Populations, as defined by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act. We also invited experts from around the state to share some of their experience and highlight effective programs and services offered at their colleges.

ICAPS Support Series

This series was produced in partnership with SIPDC and includes information for successful implementation and support of ICAPS programs. The webinars in this series cover the following topics: Introduction to IET Models and ICAPS programs, A Refresher for Braiding funding, and Strategies for Engaging Advisory

Boards.

ICSPS also produced stand-alone webinars on the following subjects: GATA for Adult Education and POD Data and Accountability.

For these or any of our archived resources visit the ICSPS website at the following link and visit the archives or search by keyword.

icsps.illinoisstate.edu

Civil Rights fact of the month:

The year in which construction began for a building or in which renovation occurred determines which standard for accessible design must be followed. When being reviewed, providing accurate dates of construction and renovation can drastically effect your compliance findings. It is recommended that you keep accurate records of construction and renovation for all facilities that can be accessed easily. A list of construction dates and the corresponding accessibility standards can be found at the following page:

civilrightsreview.com - Accessibility of Programs

Special Population Support Strategies Documents

ICSPS has produced a series of documents to summarize evidence based strategies for supporting special population students during the recruitment and retention processes. These documents are available electronically at the following link:

<http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/2016/10/special-population-recruitment-and-retention-support-strategies-documents/>

Alternatively, paper copies are available in limited supply. To receive a physical copy of these documents please email your mailing address to icsps@ilstu.edu

Request Professional Development

Our goal at ICSPS is to assist community colleges in Illinois by providing professional development and resources that are both informative and responsive to the system's needs. Help us provide the most useful information by telling us what issues you would like to learn more about, what professional development topics could help your institution overcome obstacles, or what experience and programs you would like to share with the system.

Share your ideas or request professional development by reaching us at icsps@ilstu.edu