



CONNECTIONS...For ELCATE Teachers

*Instructional strategies and information for
English Literacy for Career and Technical Education (ELCATE)
teachers*

Preparing our students for the 21st Century !

ELCATE 2012

ELCATE classes continue to expand, currently there are over 1100 students in eight adult centers: DA Dorsey Adult, The English Center, Lindsey Hopkins, Miami Beach Adult, Miami Senior Adult , South Dade Adult and WM Turner Tech. Center.

ELCATE Revised Standards Expected by June 2012

The ELCATE curriculum standards are currently under construction You can view the draft version on the Florida Department of Education , Adult Education Curriculum web page:

http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/ad_frame.asp.

Soft Skills...Why Are They Important?

Employers view "soft" skills as even more important to work readiness than the 3 "R's." Did you know that 80% of those fired from their jobs are not let go for alack of technical job kills, but for problems with professional conduct, the inability to get along with co-workers, dishonesty, or lack of results-oriented behavior. (American Management Association, COEBE 2011).

Vital soft skills often lacking in new hires:

- Oral and written communication
- Professionalism or work ethic
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- Critical thinking or problem-solving skills



Stay Informed...Common Core Standards

For decades, the United States maintained various academic quality standards among states, resulting in wide disparities in student proficiencies as measured under the No Child Left Behind Act. The adoption of the common core standards by more than 40 states might be the first step toward meaningful and comprehensive comparisons of student performance and achievement among states. To learn more about the core standards visit:

<http://corestandards.org/>

CAL Center for Applied Linguistics

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, foreign-born workers made up over 15% of the U.S. labor force in 2010. Educators of adult English language learners seek ways to ensure that these learners will be successful in gaining the English proficiency they need to enter and advance in the workplace. CAL offers a variety of professional development services and free online resources for educators to help these English language learners succeed in the workplace and beyond.

Visit the Adult ESL Education Website at CAL for information about new resources, available services, and access to the rich library of evidence-based materials at: <http://www.cal.org/adultesl/index.php>

Adult Education Content Standards Warehouse

USDOE has created a Standards Warehouse of adult education standards created by states. The link to the website is:
<http://adulthoodcontentstandards.ed.gov/>



Career Pathways for a Productive and Self-Reliant Workforce:

A To-Do List for Adult Educators.

- 1. Recognize the Importance of Work-Related Basic Skills.**
- 2. Don't Define Work-Related Learning Too Narrowly.**
- 3. Learn From Previous Relevant Work.**
- 4. Be Open to New Ideas, But Don't Support Ineffective Practices.**
- 5. Support Opportunity for Low-Income and Lower-Skilled Workers.**
- 6. Recognize That Building New Systems Takes Time, Resources, and Leadership.**

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The Right To Work: Understanding

Immigrant Employment Rights Workbook

Developed by New York Commission on Human Rights two 3-hours lesson plans to explain employment discrimination. It has reading, and listening activities for ESOL classes.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/immig_esol.html



Classroom Activities - Teaching Pragmatics

<http://exchanges.state.gov/english/teaching/resforteach/pragmatics.html>

The ability to use appropriate language in different social contexts. Provided by the Office of English Language Programs. [Voice of America's Interactive Learning: The Classroom Activities](#)

Helpful Web Sites...

Planet Money- Excellent site for current events. These kinds of on-line media resources are useful ways for workforce educators to build expertise. It can be used as discussion starters <http://www.npr.org/blogs/money>

Jobs for the Future website is at <http://www.jff.org>

Right To Work Resources. Excellent! http://www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/immig_esol.html

Explore vocational and technical careers, check out the skills employers really want, find a trade school, research technical topics and take a look at the current job market. <http://www.khake.com>

Activities and Lesson Plans <http://www.literacynet.org/icans/toc.html>

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