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### Welcome

The *South Carolina Adult ESL Handbook* has been created to provide all adult education staff with an overview to the field of adult education as it pertains to adult English as a Second Language (ESL). It will help you to understand the policies and procedures in your local program. It will also help ESL instructors develop lessons for students and manage classrooms in the most effective way possible.

While this handbook provides an overview of critical information to help you in working with adult ESL students, it is not intended to give you all the skills and knowledge you will need in your respective roles. Your local program will provide follow-up support and training to help you become fully acquainted with local policies and procedures specific to your community. There are also many opportunities provided through the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Office of Adult Education (OAE) for further professional development in all areas of adult education.

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# Disclaimer

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### I. Introduction to South Carolina Adult ESL

The ESL program is a specific part of South Carolina Adult Education that addresses the needs of adult English language learners (ELLs). The services offered through this program may include:

- English Language Acquisition (ELA);
  - o Pre-literacy skills,
  - o Reading,
  - o Writing,
  - o Listening,
  - o Speaking,
  - o Grammar, and
  - o Pronunciation;
- US Naturalization/Citizenship preparation;
- Civic participation;
- Cultural literacy;
- Career awareness
- Workforce preparation skills;
- Career pathway identification and workforce training; and
- Test preparation for higher education entrance exams.

The main goal of the adult ESL program in South Carolina is to help ELLs to communicate in American English in order to assimilate into mainstream society. Within this broad goal, students may have more specific reasons for attending an ESL program which could include:

- To communicate with acquaintance and co-workers,
- To help their children with schoolwork,
- To communicate in everyday life situations,
- To complete a high school credential (HSE or HSED,)
- To enter vocational or higher education,
- To get a job or promotion, and/or
- To pass the citizenship interview and become a United States citizen.

# Student Differences

There is no typical adult ESL student. Generally, every class will include a wide range of backgrounds, skills, and interests. Some of the more important student differences are identified below along with some suggestions as to how these factors may affect how you group your students and teach your classes.

### Formal Education

One of the most important differences among adult students is whether or not they read in their native languages.

#### Age

Adult education (AE) classes generally attract students of widely ranging ages. Often, students in their late teens will be taking the classes in order to get into GED or vocational classes. Young

Adult ESL Handbook Updated January 2018 Page 1 adults may be taking classes because they need to speak and write English to get a good job. Middle-aged adults frequently take classes to improve English skills for promotion in their jobs or to change careers. Older retired individuals may be taking the classes now that they finally have time.

### Motivation

The motivation of your students may fall across a broad spectrum. You will have students who are very eager to learn English so they can move on to other classes or so they can advance in their employment. You may also have students who are required (by their employer, some social assistance program, etc.) to attend your classes but who do not really care about English at all. Some may be motivated to learn every possible detail about every aspect of English. Others may only want as much language as is necessary to do a particular job. As an instructor, you need to explore what your students really want. Regardless of the motivation adult students have, genuine concern for the student, an enjoyable class, and a sense of progress will increase motivation once the students are there.

# Native Language Background

Because immigration laws and refugee patterns shift frequently, the native language backgrounds of your students may be as varied as their ages or as homogeneous as a regular English class. **The native language backgrounds of the students can affect your teaching as much as any other single factor.** Some languages are more similar to English than others. These similarities can be in vocabulary, grammatical structure, or sound. Some languages might also share our alphabet. Teaching people with these language backgrounds is easier than teaching those with language backgrounds less similar to English. Even though it may be more difficult to teach people English when their native language is extremely different from English, it is not impossible. Many of these students become very fluent in English.

#### Native Culture

One of the most surprising things for many instructors is the influence that the native culture has in the classroom. Students come to class with their native cultural view of what an instructor should say and do, what should happen in a classroom, and how a language should be taught. For example, in many Asian cultures, the instructor is a highly respected individual and there is a great social difference between pupils and instructor. In other cultures, there is less distance between students and instructors, and students expect to have more interpersonal relationships with the instructors. Dealing with culture may mean that you have to modify some of your behavior so as not to offend your students and gain their respect as their instructor. It may also mean that you will have to explain to some of them the differences in cultural expectations and encourage them to move towards the norms of the society in which they are currently living.

# The Role of the Adult ESL Instructor

As an ESL instructor, you will find that you serve a variety of roles. As we have mentioned, adult learners are often facing a number of challenges in their lives. Therefore, in addition to being an instructor, you will sometimes be a counselor, a motivator, a learner, a mentor, a problem-solver, and a referral manager.

Your initial contact with new learners can be decisive in determining individuals' attitudes toward the program and whether they will remain in the program long enough to complete their goals. When new students enter the program, it is important to ask questions that will identify barriers to program participation and special needs, as well as identify the students' learning strengths.

New learners should be assured at the outset that perceived barriers or learning problems need not prohibit them from setting and reaching learning goals. A process needs to be in place to address these barriers and revisit these issues periodically.

Many of your students will also need a great deal of your attention before they feel comfortable in their new learning environment. Establishing rapport with students can be accomplished at the outset by spending private time with each new student to discuss educational problems and solutions as well as how to use strengths to compensate for weak areas.

Many adult educators come from a K–12 background; however there are some significant differences in teaching adults. One of the biggest differences is in the way adults learn best. This difference can be explained in the two instructional philosophies on education: "**Pedagogy** is a child-focused teaching approach, whereas **andragogy** an adult-focused teaching approach; or, formally, **pedagogy** is the art and science of helping kids learn, whereas **andragogy** is the art and science of helping adults learn." (Pappas, 2015)

Pedagogy versus Andragogy: Five Main Differences
Pappas (2015) provides five main differences between pedagogy and andragogy as follows.

<u>Learning behavior</u>: Adult learners are self-directed; they have control over their learning experience and they are 100 percent responsible for their own learning. They are also deeply involved not only in planning, but also in evaluating their learning, as they know what knowledge they want to acquire. On the contrary, young learners are not self-directed; they still depend on their teachers throughout the learning process. Therefore, their teachers should be responsible not only of what will be taught, but also of how it will be taught and evaluated.

The role of learners' experience: Adult learners have clearly more experience than young learners. Their experience becomes the main resource of both their learning and the personal identity they have developed, as the richer and more diverse their experience, the more diversity they can bring to their own learning. Young learners, on the other hand, present little personal experience by default, and so it is impossible for this experience to serve as a learning resource; it can be only used to build upon.

Orientation to learning: What kind of knowledge are adult learners most interested in? Naturally, adult learners seek information that is useful in their personal lives and work environment. This audience demands that their learning is relevant to their real life issues, problems, and tasks, and that their education will boost their performance levels and help them live their lives in a better, and more satisfying way. Young audience's learning, on the contrary, is subject centered, meaning that the subject determines the sequence according to which the learning content units will be presented and taught.

Adult ESL Handbook Updated January 2018 Page 3 Readiness to learn: Adult learners' readiness to learn can be triggered by literally anything: a sudden change in their lives, a need for dealing with life tasks and problems more successfully, the desire for self-improvement and self-development, and so on. Adults need to know why to learn something; as soon as they answer this question, they are ready to start. Children, on the other hand, are usually told what to learn; the reason behind their learning is developing their skills to achieve the next level of mastery.

Motivation for learning: What motivates adults to find time for their learning in their busy schedule? Mostly intrinsic motivators; self-esteem, self-confidence, desire for better quality of life, curiosity, self-development, and recognition are only a few factors that motivate adult learners to learn. Needless to say, intrinsic incentives are much more powerful than extrinsic ones, and thus adult learners, more often than not, are more satisfied with the learning process, more focused, more persistent, and more eager to apply their knowledge more frequently and successfully than younger learners. On the other hand, children and teenagers are mostly motivated by extrinsic factors, such as getting good grades or other perks, or avoiding the consequences of failure.

Figure 1. Pedagogy versus Andragogy

#### Pedagogy vs. Andragogy

	Pedagogical	Andragogical
The Learner	The learner is dependent upon the instructor for all learning The teacher/instructor assumes full responsibility for what is taught and how it is learned The teacher/instructor evaluates learning	The learner is self-directed The learner is responsible for his/her own learning Self-evaluation is characteristic of this approach
Role of the Learner's Experience	The learner comes to the activity with little experience that could be tapped as a resource for learning The experience of the instructor is most influential	The learner brings a greater volume and quality of experience Adults are a rich resource for one another Different experiences assure diversity in groups of adults Experience becomes the source of self-identify
Readiness to Learn	Students are told what they have to learn in order to advance to the next level of mastery	Any change is likely to trigger a readiness to learn     The need to know in order to perform more effectively in some aspect of one's life is important     Ability to assess gaps between where one is now and where one wants and needs to be
Orientation to Learning	Learning is a process of acquiring prescribed subject matter     Content units are sequenced according to the logic of the subject matter	Learners want to perform a task, solve a problem, live in a more satisfying way     Learning must have relevance to real-life tasks     Learning is organized around life/work situations rather than subject matter units
Motivation for Learning	Primarily motivated by external pressures, competition for grades, and the consequences of failure	Internal motivators: self- esteem, recognition, better quality of life, self- confidence, self-actualization

Figure 1. Table is retrieved from Educational Technology and Mobile Learning (2013).

### II. Terms and Definitions

ABE: Adult Basic Education; used to describe adult students who have less than an 9.0 grade equivalency

AE: Adult Education

ASE: Adult Secondary Education; used to describe Adult Education students with a 9.0 or higher grade equivalency

BEST Plus 2.0: Basic English Skills Test; the standard assessment for ESL students to determine oral English language proficiency

BEST Literacy: Basic English Skills Test-Literacy; the standard assessment for ESL students to determine written English language proficiency

EFL: Educational Functioning Level

Adult ESL Handbook Updated January 2018 Page 5 ELA: English Language Acquisition

ESL: English as a Second Language; the term used in SC to describe Adult Education programs that work with students with low levels of English proficiency whose native language is other than English (\*see note at the end of this section)

ESOL: English for Speakers of other Languages; the term used to describe K-12 programs that work with students with low levels of English proficiency whose native language is other than English

ELL: English language learner; an individual whose native language is other than English (\*see note at the end of this section)

**GED:** General Education Development

HSD: High School Diploma

HSED: High School Equivalency Diploma

IEL/CE: Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education

LACES: Literacy Adult Community Education System; the official SC Adult Education database

NRS: National Reporting System

OAE: SCDE Office of Adult Education

OCTAE: Office of Technical and Adult Education, a division of the US Department of Education

SCDE: South Carolina Department of Education

TABE: Test of Adult Basic Education; the assessment used in SC to determine basic academic skills

TAN: Technical Assistance Network

TASC: Test Assessing Secondary Completion

WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; the law governing Adult Education and its activities

\*Note: In this document, the terms ESL and ELL are both used. "ELL" (noun) refers to an individual whose native language is other than English. The term "ESL" refers to the program, class or enrolled Adult Education student (as an adjective).

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#### III. Intake and Orientation Procedures

### Registration

Each program has its own registration process; however, most will include:

- Filling out registration forms,
- Paying registration/book fees (if applicable),
- Scheduling an individual BEST Plus 2.0/BEST Literacy test with an approved BP/BL test administrator, and
- Individual or group orientation to determine goals.

All students (new and returning) must fill out new registration forms each school year for the classes.

# Master Registration/Attendance Form

The Registration Form is an SCDE form with statewide data being collected for LACES. The front (or first page) of the registration form should be completed by each student. Check the front of the form for completeness and legibility. The second page of the form is for office use only. This information is necessary to receive state and federal money.

Each student must also complete an Authorization for Release form that will be included in their permanent file. In order for the state to verify some federal core indicator goals (employment, high school equivalency completion, and post-secondary education), the Authorization for Release form must be obtained and kept on file. This form may be too difficult for ELLs to read and understand without assistance from you. Also, ELLs may fear giving personal information to government agencies. You can assure them your program does not give out their private information to the government. The social security number (SSN) is only used to collect and count data. Even if they do not provide their SSN, have them sign the Authorization for Release form.

#### **Testing**

All ESL students will need to complete the BEST Plus 2.0 2.0 and/or BEST Literacy Pretest before twelve hours of attendance is accrued by the student. A recommended practice is to assess students *before* they begin class attendance. (Note: If both assessments are given, the test on which the student scores the lowest Educational Functioning Level (EFL) will be the test used for initial placement in LACES. EFL gain, however, can be demonstrated by either assessment.)

#### Orientation

A standardized orientation process should be in place for all students entering the program. Components of this orientation may include procedures for:

- Initial student contact,
- Compiling a standard list of topics to review with students,
- Connection with Transition Specialist (if applicable),
- Registration on Career Readiness software and pre-test (if applicable),
- Connecting eligible students to Career Pathways process,
- Sharing information concerning available supportive services, and

• Administering needs assessments.

Please see Appendix A for more information on the Intake/Orientation process.

### Registration/Attendance Eligibility

South Carolina Adult Education does not require any student to provide a Social Security number (SSN) in order to participate in AE programs. The reason for having the SSN on the Authorization for Release form is to match data relating to job placement, high school equivalency completion, or entry into other educational institutions. If an ELL does not have a SSN, leave that section blank on the forms. Do not enter "made up" or partial numbers.

It is important to encourage students who have a SSN to provide that information. Otherwise, it is not possible conduct data-matching that verifies whether a student whose goal is to get a job, pass the high school equivalency test, or enter a post-secondary institution has accomplished that goal. If no SSN is available, your program cannot get credit for certain achievements.

Please note that, even without a SSN, your program can receive credit for <u>educational</u> <u>achievements</u> (i.e., EFL gain, WorkKeys certificate). However, for students whose goals involve employment, high school equivalency test, or post-secondary education, you must have the SSN for the program to show achievements using data-matching.

Under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), programs must provide educational opportunities that lead to high school equivalency and on to post-secondary education and training or employment. However, not all individuals that enter the program must have this as their goal. The instructor must offer lessons that are contextualized to prepare eligible students for higher education and employment.

Foreign students may have legal permission to live in the United States, but not permission to work, attend higher education and/or training. Programs need to be aware of the legal restrictions their students face when counseling students regarding future plans.

Please see Appendix A to view copies of current South Carolina Adult Education registration forms.

#### IV. Assessment

All ESL students **must** be assessed for placement prior to receiving twelve hours of instruction. Test results are to be used for assigning an appropriate educational functioning level and determining student progress. In programs with leveled classes, test results may be used for class assignments. Please see Appendix A for NRS Education Functioning Level Descriptors.

The two state approved ESL assessments are **BEST Plus 2.0** and **BEST Literacy**. BEST Literacy, Forms B, C, and D may be used with students who have some reading and writing ability.

ESL students must be pre- and post-tested with BEST Plus 2.0 or BEST Literacy (using alternate forms) in order to document educational gains. ESL students who score the maximum scores allowed by NRS regulations on BEST Plus 2.0 and BEST Literacy should be tested with TABE Locator and then assessed with the appropriate form of TABE. Student goals should be considered when choosing a subtest to assess these students. A student whose goal is to obtain an HSD or HSED should be assessed with the adult education program's standard subtests (i.e. reading, applied math, etc.) However, a student who wishes to continue to participate in ESL classes should be administered the TABE Language subtest, as the skills assessed on this portion of the TABE more closely reflect instruction in the ESL classroom. All students who are tracked using any of the sections of the TABE assessment will be counted as ABE students instead of ESL students, as TABE is **not an acceptable** ESL assessment instrument in South Carolina. These students can continue to attend ESL classes, if it is deemed appropriate by the teacher/program.

All faculty and staff who administer the BEST Plus 2.0 test must complete and pass a six-hour BP Test Administrator training and a one-hour follow-up webinar and Assessment Policy training. Approved BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrators must complete an additional training, BEST Plus 2.0 Scoring Refresher, within six months of their original BEST Plus 2.0 training. All BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrators must score in the acceptable category in two out of three areas of the Scoring Refresher to maintain their testing certification. Approved BEST Plus 2.0 Test Administrators must attend a Scoring Refresher training every other year and score acceptably in order to continue to administer this assessment. Please see the **BEST Plus 2.0 Training Guide** in Appendix A for more information.

BEST Plus 2.0 must be administered one-on-one, using the computer adaptive or print version.

BEST Literacy may be administered to a group or to an individual. In order to administer this assessment, test administrators must familiarize themselves with the BEST Literacy Test Manual and pass an online open-book test. Be sure to use the manual marked "June 2008." The instructions for accessing the test are located on the scraetac.org website.

For both BEST Plus 2.0 and BEST Literacy, learners are to be post-tested after they have completed the recommended eighty to one hundred hours of instruction, but no less than sixty hours of instruction.

### **Pretesting**

The pre-test results provide valuable information.

- The student's strengths and weaknesses are identified from diagnostic information.
- You will use the test profiles along with other information provided by the student to develop an Adult Learning Plan. Individual programs have developed plans that suit their particular needs. Please see Appendix H for more information on Adult Learning Plans.
- Initial test results serve as a baseline for determining the student's progress in the program.

### Educational Functioning Levels

Based on the results of the pre-testing, each student is assigned an entry Educational Functioning Level (EFL). Developed by the United States Department of Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL), EFLs describe skill levels in reading and writing, numeracy (math), and workplace. There are six levels for ABE/GED/AHS students and six levels for ESL students.

Each level is aligned to the scale scores of standardized assessment instruments. The completion of EFLs is one of the federal core measures for which all programs are held accountable.

Accurate pre- and post-testing using a state-approved standardized assessment instrument is the only way to verify the completion of an EFL or movement from one EFL to the next. **Regardless of the EFL level assigned to a student at intake, if both BEST Plus and BEST Literacy assessments are given, an EFL gain on either assessment will result in NRS level gain. It is not necessary to post-test using <u>both</u> assessments if both assessments are administered as pre-tests.** 

The pre- and post-assessment scores provide documentation to verify a student's completion of an EFL and movement to a higher level. Therefore, monitoring assessment is an important responsibility of the ESL instructor. Don't forget that scores must be entered into your program's data system. If you test, don't forget that you must submit test scores to your director/coordinator/LACES data clerk.

NRS levels and scale scores are as follows:

NRS Level	Scale Scores
1 – Beginning ESL Literacy	BP 2.0 – 88-361
	BL - 0-20
2 – Low Beginning ESL	BP 2.0 – 362-427
	BL - 21-52
3 – High Beginning ESL	BP 2.0 – 428-452
	BL - 53-63
4 – Low Intermediate	BP 2.0 – 453-484
	BL - 64-67
5 – High Intermediate	BP 2.0 – 485-524
	BL - 68-75
6 – Advanced	BP 2.0 – 525-564
	BL - 76-78

For more on programmatic and assessment information, please visit <u>scraetac.org.</u>

Please see Appendix A for NRS Functioning Level descriptors.

#### V. Curriculum and Content Standards

South Carolina Adult Education currently uses <u>curriculum standards developed by Minnesota</u> Adult Education.

A national set of English Language Proficiency standards aligned with the USED, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) standards have recently been published and the SCDE OAE is currently in the process of reviewing them for possible adoption.

ESL curricula from other states include the following:

- REEP ESL Curriculum for Adults,
- Tennessee Adult ESOL Curriculum Resource Book
- North Carolina Adult ESL Curriculum Guide

# VI. Adult ESL Learning Plans

# Adult Learning Plans

One way to encourage and motivate our students is to create individual and/or class learning plans. It is difficult for our students to see incremental progress; sixty hours is a long time to wait to determine if a student is making language learning gains. These learning plans come in many forms, and it is best to design one that meets your particular needs and the results of your students' needs assessments.

Please see Appendix H for examples of adult needs assessment based learning plans.

Another level-based curriculum is the Arkansas Adult ESL Learning Plan.

# VII. Teaching Methodology and Strategies

There are many factors that lead to a successful adult ESL classroom in which the learners are actively involved in the learning activities taking place in the classroom. To create this environment, an ESL instructor must plan lessons in such a way that it utilizes the time students spend in the classroom effectively and efficiently. This begins with a detailed plan of what each day's lesson will entail, materials and resources needed, a plan for the delivery of instruction and finally, assessment of the learning that took place. South Carolina has developed a lesson plan template to assist instructors in developing structured, effective lessons for their adult students. Please see Appendix H for a copy of this template.

A balanced mix of instructional methods is important in managing the adult education classroom. Each learner has preferences regarding how he or she learns best (working with a large group, small group, alone, or with a tutor). Learning style inventories and questionnaires may help to determine these preferences and should be taken into consideration when organizing activities in your classroom.

The physical environment of the classroom may be better suited to some instructional methods than to others. For example, a small room with individual desks may lend itself better to large

Adult ESL Handbook Updated January 2018 Page 11 group or individualized instruction (although sometimes desks may be arranged to accommodate small group work). On the other hand, a large room with tables and chairs may offer the opportunity for large group, small group, or individual instruction.

In addition, the intake structure of a program may establish what instructional methods are used. For example, in a short-term, special topic class, it is probably not appropriate to have everyone doing individualized instruction. Also, in classes where only one instructor is available, one-to one/tutorial instruction may not be an option unless a volunteer helps out.

Regardless of which methods of delivery or classroom management are chosen, instruction should always be centered on specific objectives and competencies selected by the individual or group. Assessment of learners' progress is also vital. At the completion of any type of learning activity, individual learners must demonstrate and document their skills and accomplishments.

Some of the methods of instruction commonly used in Adult Education include the following:

- Large group instruction,
- Small group instruction,
- Cooperative learning,
- Project-based instruction,
- Computer-assisted instruction,
- One-on-one tutorial instruction,
- Individualized instruction,
- Field trips,
- Guest speakers, and
- Experiments.

These methods are explained on the following pages. Tables are drawn from West Virginia Adult Basic Education (2009).

# Large Group Instruction

Ap	propriate when:	Key steps:
	They foster a sense of community in	<ul> <li>Establish group rapport.</li> </ul>
	the classroom by starting everyone off	<ul> <li>Provide a multi-sensory presentation of</li> </ul>
	together.	information.
	They provide instruction or assistance	<ul> <li>Provide guided practice.</li> </ul>
	in a particular subject area required by	<ul> <li>Provide independent practice.</li> </ul>
	the majority of learners.	<ul> <li>Offer a variety of multi-sensory assignments.</li> </ul>
	The physical environment is conducive	<ul> <li>Set evaluation criteria.</li> </ul>
	to participation by the entire group.	<ul> <li>Assess learner progress and demonstrate</li> </ul>
	Lesson content is at an appropriate	learner gains that are a result of large group
	level for all the learners included in the	activities.
	group.	<ul> <li>Provide follow-up activities as needed.</li> </ul>
	The instructor varies the delivery of	
	content and the assignments to include	
	visual, auditory, tactile, and kinesthetic	
	input and output alternatives.	
	Small group and personalized	
	instruction are available alternatives for	
_	some learners.	Harristantia de maio ana de
	ntent areas that are addressed well:	How technology is used:
	Anything appropriate to all levels	<ul> <li>Technology can be worked into any lesson or</li> </ul>
	Job Readiness	can be the basis for any lesson.
	Health Topics	☐ Video or audiotapes can be used to deliver
	Parenting Skills	information.
	Topics in affective and cognitive	In a computer lab situation, all learners in the
_	domains Life Skills	group may be using the same software
	Work Process Skills	program and the instructor may use an LCD
	WORK Process Skills	panel to demonstrate how to use the program.  Educational software programs on computers
		<ul> <li>Educational software programs on computers may be used to drill and practice new skills in</li> </ul>
		the large group setting.
		the large group setting.

# Small Group Instruction

Appropriate when:	Key steps:
The instructor needs to teach specific skills to part of the larger group.	<ul> <li>Set purposes and expectations in establishing the group.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Several learners are interested in the same subject but others are not.</li> </ul>	Limit the amount of time the group will work together (4, 6, 8 weeks).
Certain learners need more opportunities to participate in a group but are intimidated by a	Provide a multi-sensory presentation of information.
large group setting.	□ Provide guided practice.
☐ Certain learners prefer to work in a group	Provide independent practice.
versus individually.	<ul> <li>Offer a variety of multi-sensory</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The instructor wants to build peer relationships</li> </ul>	assignments.
among the learners.	<ul> <li>Set evaluation criteria.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Successful learners are given opportunities to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assess learner progress and</li> </ul>
model strong skills or good study habits to	demonstrate learner gains that are a
learners who have weaker skills/habits.	result of small group learning activities.
The classroom has a limited number of instructional	
materials on a particular subject.	
Content areas that are addressed:	How technology is used:
Science	☐ The Internet can be used as a
Reasoning	resource
☐ Team-building	□ Videos can be shown
☐ Study Skills and Test-taking Skills	
☐ Social Studies	
☐ Chart, Graph, and Map-reading Skills☐ Math Facts☐	
□ Essay-writing	
☐ Low-level Reading/Phonics	
☐ Pre-vocational preparation	
Tro-vocational proparation	

# Cooperative Learning

Appropriate when:	Key steps:
Group work/teamwork skills are perceived as important job skills for the work place.  Cooperative behavior is promoted in the classroom.  Classroom activities and lesson content are structured so learners see each other as resources; students are willing to learn from peers as well as from the instructor.  Group members are active in sharing ideas and practicing skills.  Learners feel comfortable with one another.  Independent learners are allowed to work alone at times.  Learners are functioning at different academic levels	Teach skills for group/team learning.  Describe a clear and specific learning task.  Choose a grouping strategy and group size.  Select group members so that learner abilities are mixed, which will allow them to help each other.  Discuss and practice roles.  Engineer groups; assign team roles.  Set time limits and goals.  Facilitate the teams by providing materials and assistance as needed.  Monitor the teams.  Have teams report back and analyze their process.  Transfer these cooperative skills into life-skills/problem solving.  Establish evaluation criteria.  Assess learner progress and demonstrate learner gains that are a result of cooperative learning activities.
Content areas:  Current events Writing Research Skills Life Skills Work Process Skills	

# Project-Based Instruction

Appropriate when:	Key steps:
The entire group focuses on a theme that is later developed at various levels with varying tasks depending on the learners' abilities.  Everyone is included in the completion of a finished product but each learner is allowed to select a task based on his or her ability and interest.  Learners are allowed to contribute to projects using their strengths and improving on their weaker areas.  Learners actively initiate, facilitate, evaluate, and produce a project that has meaning to them.  A context for new learning and cross-curricular integration is provided.  The instructor facilitates and coaches rather than creating and directing the activities.  The classroom environment is comfortable, risk-free, and promotes learner discussion without fear of criticism.	Select a theme as a group. Narrow the theme to a manageable length. Design a project as a group. Clarify objectives and desired outcomes of the project. Research the theme as a group. Decide within the group who will do what to gather information and present the results. Create a product or program to share Reflect on the process and evaluate the project. Set evaluation criteria. Assess learner progress and demonstrate learner gains that are a result of project-based instruction.
Content areas:  ☐ Everything–cross-curricular.	How technology is used:  ☐ Educational videos, computerized encyclopedia, and Internet are constant resources.  ☐ Technology can offer a method of collecting information (video or audiotape live interviews and speakers or broadcast radio or television programs.  ☐ Technology can offer a method of presentation (PowerPoint, video production, etc.)  ☐ Technology can assist in creation of a final product (word processing).

# Computer-Assisted Instruction

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Ap	propriate when:	_	steps:		
	The learner sees computer literacy as necessary to function in today's world.		Introduce basics about the computer (turning on/off, going to programs, putting in/taking out disks and CDs, etc.).		
	The learner likes privacy and prefers to control the content and pace of learning.		Introduce the specific software program(s) a learner will use (getting in/exiting the program, saving material/place, moving around within the		
	The learner needs feedback that demonstrates success and boosts self-esteem.		program, etc.). Introduce basic computer keyboarding (enter, backspace, delete, arrow keys, mouse, etc.).		
	A significant amount of drill and practice on a particular skill is needed to reinforce what has been taught.		Present new skills in a non-threatening manner: explain, show, have the learner do it, have the instructor keep hands off.  Establish the objectives of educational activities		
	Flexibility in the length and scheduling of study time is necessary		using the computer. Assess learner progress and demonstrate learner gains that are a result of computer-assisted		
	Learners require multi-media input and practice in order to learn.		Instruction.		
	Computers are not utilized as the sole means of instruction.				
	An instructor is readily available when things go wrong.				
Co	ntent areas:	How	technology is used:		
	All academic areas – if you have the appropriate software, you can do anything.		Educational videos and software programs can introduce basics of computers/Internet.  In a lab situation, computer/Internet basics or a		
	The Internet as an information source, research tool, and teaching tool (many sites allow interactive		software program can be demonstrated using an LCD panel to project onto a large screen.  Multi-medial presentations can be created by		
	learning). Writing Skills – process writing.		learners to demonstrate their knowledge Headphones should be utilized for software		
			programs with sound (to avoid distractions).  Spell checker, grammar checker, and encyclopedia as resource tools for other programs.		

# One-on-One Tutorial Instruction

Ap	ppropriate when:	Ke	ey steps:
	Individual's skill levels are too low for the learner to work without assistance Individual's strong personal preference for this type of instruction is shown in the learning style inventory Only one individual needs to study a particular subject and requires substantial assistance It does not impede the progress of the rest of the class or interfere with the overall function of a learning center  There is a least one instructor available to the rest of the group (a volunteer or speaker may work with the rest of the group or a tutor may do the one-on-one instruction)  An individual learner is not singled out in a negative way.  Math and Language Arts skills are at higher levels.		Evaluate the learner's skill level and learning style.  Schedule appropriate times. Limit the amount of one-on-one time so that it does not dominate total time available for instruction. Plan for instruction. Identify the specific subject matter/ objectives to be covered in that session. Set evaluation criteria. Assess learner progress and demonstrate learner gains that are a result of learning activities.
	ontent area: Literacy, Math, ESL, and Grammar Almost all academic areas at a low level.	Ho	Reinforce concepts when more drill and practice is necessary for mastery.

# Appropriate when:

- The learner tends to be independent and self-directed.
- The learner needs instructional support but not constant instructor contact.
- The learner works well in an individual study format.
- The classroom/learning center is flexible enough to accommodate different learning needs (multi-level groups, open entry/open exit, frequent entry/frequent exit).
- The learner wants to study online (Distance Education).

### **Content Areas:**

- All academic areas.
- Particularly appropriate for make-up work during a small group class.

# **Key Steps:**

- Set goals and objectives with the learner.
- Evaluate skills and learning style.
- Establish a schedule and plan of study.
- Assign activities and learning materials with the individual's preferred learning style in mind.
- Monitor work periodically.
- Follow-up on progress.
- Evaluate continuously using a variety of means (tests, a portfolio of accomplishments, samples of class work, competency checklists, etc.).

# How Technology is used:

- Audiocassettes or videos for self-study depending on the individual's learning style.
- Scheduled computer, audiocassette, or video equipment time is offered.
- The learner uses technology independently.
- Technology is an integral part of the instruction.

### Field Trips

# Appropriate when:

- What is planned for, prepared for, debriefed, and evaluated is connected to the learners' plan of study.
- All learners who are interested have the capacity to participate (cost/time factor is not prohibitive).
- Learners prefer/can benefit from handson and experiential learning.

# **Key Steps:**

- Establish relevance to curriculum timeline.
- Plan with the group—before and after.
- Set an agenda.
- Check availability and means of transportation (county policies and procedures, county forms and releases).
- Check cost (decide how to fund--do not eliminate people because of cost).
- Plan follow-up activities (writing about the experience, etc.).
- Set evaluation criteria.
- Assess learner progress and demonstrate learner gains that are a result of field trip activities.

### Content Areas:

- Science, History, Math, etc.
- Socialization
- Life Skills; job and life opportunities
- Cultural Exposure
- Team Building
- Leadership
- Time Management

# How Technology is used:

- Tape and photograph the trip.
- View a film about the location or event.
- Use a word-processor to type up the itinerary.
- Check the Internet for information, maps, directions, etc.

### **Guest Speakers**

#### Appropriate when: Key Steps: Speaker's expertise fits into class Prepare speaker for audience needs, objectives/curriculum. topic, clarity/simplicity of speech/ Time and format offered by the speaker vocabulary, time frame, hands-on needs. are compatible to ABE needs. Prepare learners for the topic – A variety of different teaching styles and encourage people to be open to new perspectives are provided. experience. Speaker's exposure to the ABE Connect subject matter to the world of population will help to link the work-career exploration. program/class with other agencies and Follow-up with class writing or another activity. their services. Write a thank you note. Set evaluation criteria. Assess learner progress and demonstrate learner gains that are a result of input from the guest speaker and follow-up activities. How Technology is used: Content Areas: Be prepared for the speaker's All content areas can be addressed technology needs – VCR, overhead, etc. well. Use video, Internet, etc., for follow-up. Career Awareness and Life Skills. Listening Skills.

### **Experiments**

Appropriate when:	Key Steps:
<ul> <li>What is planned is connected to the</li> </ul>	Plan objectives.
class objectives/curriculum.	Check the Internet for information.
<ul> <li>Hands-on learning is necessary for the</li> </ul>	Collect all materials.
kinesthetic learners.	Test drive it.
<ul> <li>Textbook explanations need to be</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop a hypothesis with learners.</li> </ul>
applied in order to be understood.	Evaluate—was the hypothesis proved?
<ul> <li>No special lab or extraordinary</li> </ul>	Set evaluation criteria.
equipment/supplies are needed.	<ul> <li>Assess learner progress and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The activity is not dangerous.</li> </ul>	demonstrate learner gains that are a
	result of experiments.
Content Areas:	How Technology is used:
<ul><li>Science</li></ul>	Internet can be used as a resource.
<ul> <li>Reasoning Skills</li> </ul>	Videos (such as Bill Nye "the Science
<ul> <li>Team-building Skills</li> </ul>	Guy").

Two resources to view effective, innovative teaching strategies can be found on the internet. Please consider visiting <u>New American Horizons Training videos</u> or <u>Minnesota Literacy Teacher Training videos</u>.

# **VIII. Print-Based Materials**

There are a myriad of materials available to use with adult ESL students. As you choose materials to use, you will want to determine if it is a quality resource by asking the following questions:

- 1. Is this resource consumable or reproducible?
- 2. Is it of reasonable cost?
- 3. What skills are targeted with this resource (reading, writing, speaking, listening, pronunciation, grammar, citizenship, etc.)?
- 4. Is this resource going to be used as a foundational resource or an ancillary one?
- 5. Does it represent multiple cultures in its content and pictures?
- 6. Is it appropriate for use with adults (not "childish")?
- 7. Can it be used or adapted for use with multiple skill levels?

# Suggested Print Materials by Level

### ESL Level 1

Title	Publisher
Picture Stories: Language and Literacy	New Readers Press
Activities for Adults	
More Picture Stories	
New Oxford Picture Dictionary and	Oxford University Press
ancillary materials	
Ventures (Level 1)	http://www.cambridge.org/us
Side By Side (Level 1)	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Focus on Grammar 1	Pearson/Longman Publishers
US Citizen Yes	Heinle and Heinle

### ESL Level 2 and 3

Title	Publisher
More Easy Stories Plus	New Readers Press
New Oxford Picture Dictionary and ancillary materials	Oxford University Press
Side By Side (Level 2)	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Basic English Grammar (Azar)	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Fun With Grammar	Free Download at:
	http://www.azargrammar.com/materials/index.html
Ventures (Level 2)	http://www.cambridge.org/us
Focus on Grammar 2	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Grammar in Context Basic and 1	Thomson Heinle
ESL Teacher's Activities Kit	Elizabeth Claire
Jazz Chants, Grammar Chants	Oxford University Press
Citizenship: Passing the Test	New Readers Press

# ESL Level 4 and 5

Title	Publisher
True Stories in the News/More True	New Readers Press
Stories	
New Oxford Picture Dictionary and	Oxford University Press
ancillary materials	
Side By Side (Level 3)	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Fundamentals of English Grammar	Pearson/Longman Publishers
(Azar)	
Fun With Grammar	Free Download at:
	http://www.azargrammar.com/materials/index.html
Ventures (Level 3)	http://www.cambridge.org/us
Focus on Grammar 3	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Grammar in Context 2	Thomson Heinle
ESL Teacher's Activities Kit	Elizabeth Claire
Celebrate With Us	McGraw Hill Publishers
On-the-Job English	New Readers Press
Key Vocabulary for a Safe Workplace	New Readers Press
Clear Speech	Cambridge University Press

# ESL Level 6 and 7

Title	Publisher
Side By Side (Level 4)	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Understanding and Using English	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Grammar (Azar)	
Ventures (Level 4)	http://www.cambridge.org/us
Focus on Grammar 4-5	Pearson/Longman Publishers
Grammar in Context 3	Thomson Heinle
Slangman 1 & 2	Slangman Publishing, www.slangman.com
On-the-Job English,	New Readers Press
Key Vocabulary for a Safe Workplace	New Readers Press
Clear Speech	Cambridge University Press

### **IX. Internet Resources**

#### For Students

- Rosetta Stone
- <u>DuoLingo</u>
- TOTI-VT
- Pdictionary
- Burlington English

### For Teachers

- Breaking News English
- <u>Label Me!</u>
- English Club
- TEFL
- Puzzlemaker

(For full URL information for the above resources, please see Appendix.)

# X. Cultural Diversity and Awareness

"[Culture] is the unique system of beliefs, attitudes, customs and behaviors that identify a particular group. Cultural norms guide behavior and determine thoughts and actions. Culture contributes to social and physical survival" (Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities, 2005).

ESL teachers must be aware of the native cultures of our students and the impact this makes on the ways in which the students behave and react to situations both inside and outside the walls of our classrooms. Culturally competent programs and individuals accept and respect cultural differences, continue self-assessment of cultural awareness, pay careful attention to the dynamics of cultural differences, continually expand their cultural knowledge and resources, and adopt culturally relevant service models in order to better meet the needs of minority populations. It is the responsibility of adult ESL instructors to clarify the cultural norms of American culture, while not discounting the cultures of our students' native countries.

Teachers need to be aware of cultural norms from other countries so as not to misconstrue certain behaviors that may be exhibited by their students. The table below (Alberta Education, 2007) outlines some of the behaviors a teacher may observe in the ESL classroom.

Perceived Behavior	Possible Cultural Source	
Student avoids eye contact.	Casting the eyes down may be a demonstration	
	of respect.	
Student smiles at seemingly inappropriate	A smile may be a gesture of respect, meant to	
times.	avoid offence in difficult situations.	

Perceived Behavior	Possible Cultural Source	
Student shrinks from physical contact or	There are significant differences among	
interacts at an inappropriately close distance to	cultures with respect to personal space. There	
others.	may also be taboos associated with certain	
	parts of the body (top of the head, soles of the	
	feet, etc.).	
Student does not eat with peers.	Some students may be unaccustomed to eating	
	with anyone but members of their own family.	
Student does not participate actively in group	Cooperative group work is not used by	
work.	teachers in all cultures. Students may be	
	unaccustomed to collaboration.	
Student is unresponsive, uncooperative or even	Separate schooling for boys and girls is the	
disrespectful in dealing with teachers of the	norm in some cultures, and the expectations for	
opposite gender.	males and females are quite different.	
Student seems reluctant to engage in debate,	In some cultures, it is considered inappropriate	
speculation, argument or other classroom	to openly challenge another's point of view,	
processes.	especially the teacher's.	
Student exhibits discomfort or embarrassment	To put oneself in the limelight for individual	
at being singled out for special attention or	praise is not considered appropriate in some	
praise.	cultures, where the group is considered more	
	important than the individual.	

# What can I do to minimize cultural mishaps?

- 1. Model respect.
- 2. Reflect on your own cultural biases.
- 3. Select culturally relevant classroom resources.
- 4. Provide opportunities for students to share their own cultural traditions and beliefs.
- 5. Understand the importance of promoting equity, rather than equality.
- 6. Establish a routine for welcoming newcomers.
- 7. Know how to pronounce their names, and ensure that the students do as well.
- 8. Have students seated with first-language peers initially.
- 9. Make personal contact with new students at least once each lesson.
- 10. Design classroom learning activities that encourage students to get to know one another.
- 11. Ensure that classroom displays are inclusive of all classroom cultures.
- 12. Learn some expressions in the students' first languages.
- 13. Inform yourself about the student's culture.
- 14. When interacting with students, be aware of deep culture and how it may play a role in student behavior.

Suggestions above are drawn from Groth et al. (2006).

# Marketing/Recruiting

There are many ways to increase the number of students who attend your program. Most involve little money and effort, just a desire to reach the population you seeks to help. Some things to keep in mind as you attempt to attract students to your classes include:

- Be positive in your marketing materials—avoid negative words,
- Coach front-end staff on interacting with ELLs; and
- When setting up class schedules, consider the schedules of your potential students.

Ways of getting the word about your program include:

- press releases,
- public service announcements,
- newspaper advertisements,
- classified advertisements,
- radio/television commercials,
- open houses,
- brochures,
- grocery bag advertisements,
- utility bill stuffers,
- church bulletins,
- table tents or placemats,
- public presentations,
- news talk shows,
- newsletters,
- slide presentations,
- display booths,
- billboards,
- theater screen advertisements,
- posters,
- specialty items,
- recognition programs,
- teacher/administrator contacts,
- students as recruiters, and
- person-to-person recruitment methods.

### XI. WIOA

Under WIOA, programs must provide educational opportunities that lead to high school equivalency and on to post-secondary education and training or employment. **However, not all individuals that enter the program have to have that as their goal.** The instructor must offer lessons that are contextualized to prepare students for higher education and/or employment. Students must understand that some of the content of the classes will focus on this content and that they are welcome to participate.

Under WIOA, the key purpose of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) has been retained and expanded to include (Sec. 202):

- Assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and economic self-sufficiency;
- Assist adults who are parents or family members to obtain the education and skills that
  are necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children
  and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family;
- Assist adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathways; and
- Assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners in:
- improving their reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills in English; and mathematics skills; and
- Acquiring an understanding of the American system of Government, individual freedom, and the responsibilities of citizenship.

# All adult ESL programs need to have in place:

- A regional employment needs <u>list</u>
- A process for connecting the regional employment needs with career pathways, postsecondary training and employment
- English Language Acquisition classes that are structured to include
  - Reading, writing, speaking and listening activities
  - Mathematics
  - Civics instruction (which may include citizenship preparation)
  - Workforce preparation activities
  - Digital literacy
  - Academic preparation
  - Evidence of using state adopted standards\*
     (\*Standards adoption is in progress)

The skills learners need in order to transition successfully to higher levels of education or employment should be integrated at every level of instruction, including ESL classes that are focused primarily on language instruction.

-Betsy Parrish and Kimberly Johnson

Promoting Learner Transitions to Postsecondary Education and Work

Source: Parrish and Johnson, 2010

# XII. IEL/CE Activity vs. IEL/CE Program

The term *Integrated Education and Civics Education (IEL/CE)* is used to describe services offered to students whose first language is not English. This term is used in reference to two different funding sources for these students.

IEL/CE under WIOA Section 231(b), (IEL/CE as an "Activity"):

- Funded by the AEFLA grant,
- Included as an allowable **activity**,
- Designed to help ELLs to achieve competence in reading, writing, speaking and comprehending the English language,
- Leads to attainment of a secondary school diploma and transition into post-secondary education or training, OR employment,
- Designed to help ELLs to acquire skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers and citizens in the United States.
- Services include literacy, English language acquisition and classroom instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation, and
- May include workforce training.

IEL/CE under WIOA Section 243 (IEL/CE as a "Program"):

- Funded by IEL/CE grant,
- Must provide services outlined under WIOA section 231 (see above),
- Must be provided in combination with IET,
- Must be designed to prepare ELLs for and place in, unsubsidized employment in indemand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency and partner with the local workforce development system to carry out these services.

Adult ESL Handbook Updated January 2018 Page 28 Special Considerations for Programs that Receive the IEL/CE Grant (WIOA Sec. 243 Funds) The law states:

Eligible providers receiving funds through the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education program must provide services that -

- (a) Include instruction in literacy and English language acquisition and instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation; and
- (b) Are designed to:
- (1) Prepare adults who are English language learners for, and place such adults in, unsubsidized employment in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency; and
- (2) Integrate with the local workforce development system and its functions to carry out the activities of the program.

Programs that receive federal IEL/CE, Sec. 243 grant funds are required to provide to eligible students with services beyond the basic requirements of WIOA (as outlined previously). These programs are required to provide additional services to eligible students or partner with other entities to provide these services. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Delivering instruction that will lead to post-secondary education or training;
- Educational services that are to be delivered concurrently in combination with integrated education and training activities;
- Delivering contextual instruction linked to a specific occupation or occupational cluster in the ESL classroom, using instructionally relevant materials; and/or
- Partnering with outside agencies to provide workforce training, either on- or off-site. These workforce training activities may include on-the-job training, apprenticeships, skills upgrading and/or training programs in the selected job cluster.

Eligible providers that receive funds through the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education program (Sec. 243) may meet the requirement to use funds for integrated English literacy and civics education in combination with integrated education and training activities by: (a) co-enrolling participants in integrated education and training as described in subpart D of this part that is provided within the local or regional workforce development area from sources other than section 243 of the Act; or (b) using funds provided under section 243 of the Act to support integrated education and training activities as described in subpart D of this part.

For more information, please refer to the figures on the following two pages.

Figure 2. IEL/CE Activity vs. IEL/CE Program

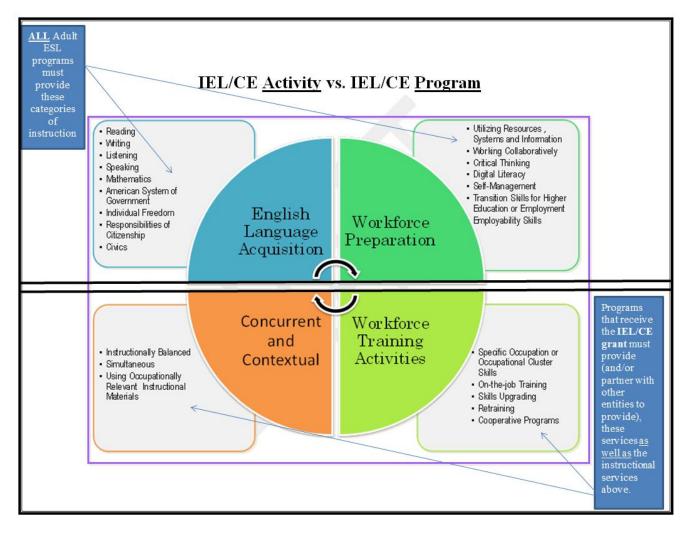


Figure 2. Graphic created by the SCDE Office of Adult Education.

Figure 3. IEL/CE Activity vs. IEL/CE Program

# Programs/Activities to Support ELLs

English Language Acquisition	IELCE (Activity)	IELCE (Program)
May be provided by an eligible provider as a "required local activity" under Section 231(b)	May be provided by an eligible provider as a "required local activity" under Section 231(b)	Must be provided using funds designated under Section 243
Requirements:  designed to help eligible individuals who are ELLs achieve competence in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension of the English language; and  that leads to:  (1) attainment of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; and transition to postsecondary education and training; or  (2) employment.	Requirements:  deducational services that enable adults who are ELLs to achieve competency in the English language and acquire the basic and more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens in the United States;  services shall include instruction in literacy and English language acquisition and instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation, and may include workforce training.	Requirements:  Same education services noted in the IELCE activity.  IELCE program must be provided in combination with integrated education and training activities.  Programs funded under Sec. 243 must be designed to:  (1) prepare ELLs for, and place in, unsubsidized employment in in-demand industries and occupation that lead to economic self sufficiency; and  (2) integrate with the local workforce development system and its functions to carry out the activities of the program.

Figure 3. US Department of Education, 2016.

**Appendix A: NRS Functioning Level Descriptors** 

Literacy Level	Listening and Speaking	Basic Reading and Writing	Functional and Workplace Skills
<b>Beginning ESL Literacy</b>	Individual cannot speak or	Individual has no or minimal	Individual functions minimally or
	understand English, or understands	reading or writing skills in any	not at all in English and can
Test Benchmark:	only isolated words or phrases.	language. May have little or no	communicate only through gestures
CASAS scale scores:		comprehension of how print	or a few isolated words, such as
<ul> <li>Reading: 180 and below</li> </ul>		corresponds to spoken language and	name and other personal
• L&W Listening: 162-180		may have difficulty using a writing	information; may recognize only
and below		instrument.	common signs or symbols (e.g.,
BEST Plus 2.0			stop sign, product logos); can
• 88-361			handle only very routine entry-level
BEST Literacy			jobs that do not require oral or
• 0–20 (SPL 0–2)			written communication in English.
			There is no knowledge or use of
TABE CLAS-E scale scores:*			computers or technology.
<ul> <li>Total Reading and Writing:</li> </ul>			
225-394			
<ul> <li>Total Listening and</li> </ul>			
Speaking: 230-407			

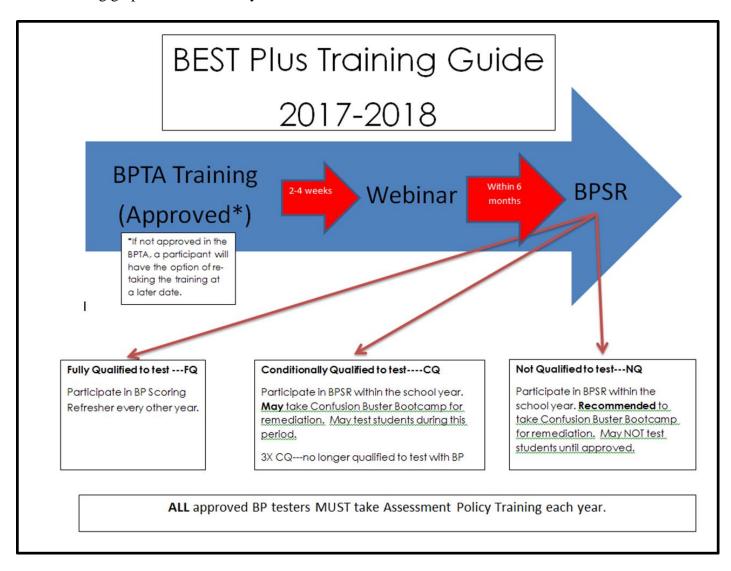
Literacy Level	Listening and Speaking	Basic Reading and Writing	Functional and Workplace Skills
Low Beginning ESL	Individual can understand basic	Individual can read numbers and	Individual functions with difficulty
Low Deginning ESL	greetings, simple phrases and	letters and some common sight	in social situations and in situations
Test benchmark:	commands. Can understand simple	words. May be able to sound out	related to immediate needs. Can
CASAS scale scores	questions related to personal	simple words. Can read and write	provide limited personal
• Reading: 181–190	information, spoken slowly and	some familiar words and phrases,	information on simple forms, and
<ul> <li>L&amp;W Listening: 181–189</li> </ul>	with repetition. Understands a	but has a limited understanding of	can read very simple common forms
L&W Listening, 161–167	limited number of words related to	connected prose in English. Can	of print found in the home and
BEST Plus 2.0: 362-427	immediate needs and can respond	write basic personal information	environment, such as product
DEST 1 tus 2.0. 302-427	with simple learned phrases to some	(e.g., name, address, telephone	names. Can handle routine entry
BEST Literacy: 21-52 (SPL 2-3)	common questions related to routine	number) and can complete simple	level jobs that require very simple
BEST Energy. 21 32 (STE 2 3)	survival situations. Speaks slowly	forms that elicit this information.	written or oral English
TABE CLAS-E scale scores:*	and with difficulty. Demonstrates		communication and in which job
<ul> <li>Total Reading and Writing:</li> </ul>	little or no control over grammar.		tasks can be demonstrated. May
395-441	-		have limited knowledge and
Total Listening and			experience with computers.
Speaking: 408-449			
High Beginning ESL	Individual can understand common	Individual can read most sight	Individual can function in some
	words, simple phrases, and	words, and many other common	situations related to immediate
Test benchmark:	sentences containing familiar	words. Can read familiar phrases	needs and in familiar social
CASAS scale scores	vocabulary, spoken slowly with	and simple sentences but has a	situations. Can provide basic
• Reading: 191–200	some repetition. Individual can	limited understanding of connected	personal information on simple
• L&W Listening: 190–199	respond to simple questions about	prose and may need frequent re-	forms and recognizes simple
J	personal everyday activities, and	reading.	common forms of print found in the
BEST Plus 2.0: 428–452	can express immediate needs, using		home, workplace and community.
BEST Literacy: 53–63 (SPL 3-4)	simple learned phrases or short	Individual can write some simple	Can handle routine entry level jobs
	sentences. Shows limited control of	sentences with limited vocabulary.	requiring basic written or oral
TABE CLAS-E scale scores:*	grammar.	Meaning may be unclear. Writing	English communication and in
<ul> <li>Total Reading and Writing:</li> </ul>		shows very little control of basic	which job tasks can be
442-482		grammar, capitalization and	demonstrated. May have limited
<ul> <li>Total Listening and</li> </ul>		punctuation and has many spelling	knowledge or experience using
Speaking: 450-485		errors.	computers.

Literacy Level	Listening and Speaking	Basic Reading and Writing	Functional and Workplace Skills
Low Intermediate ESL	Individual can understand simple	Individual can read simple material	Individual can interpret simple
	learned phrases and limited new	on familiar subjects and	directions and schedules, signs, and
Test Benchmark:	phrases containing familiar	comprehend simple and compound	maps; can fill out simple forms but
CASAS scale scores:	vocabulary spoken slowly with	sentences in single or linked	needs support on some documents
• Reading: 201–210	frequent repetition; can ask and	paragraphs containing a familiar	that are not simplified; and can
• L&W Listening: 200–209	respond to questions using such	vocabulary; can write simple notes	handle routine entry level jobs that
S	phrases; can express basic survival	and messages on familiar situations	involve some written or oral English
BEST Plus 2.0: 453-484	needs and participate in some	but lacks clarity and focus.	communication but in which job
BEST Literacy: 64–67 (SPL 4-5)	routine social conversations,	Sentence structure lacks variety but	tasks can be demonstrated.
	although with some difficulty; and	shows some control of basic	Individual can use simple computer
TABE CLAS-E scale scores:*	has some control of basic grammar.	grammar (e.g., present and past	programs and can perform a
<ul> <li>Total Reading and Writing:</li> </ul>		tense) and consistent use of	sequence of routine tasks given
483-514		punctuation (e.g., periods,	directions using technology (e.g.,
<ul> <li>Total Listening and</li> </ul>		capitalization).	fax machine, computer).
Speaking: 486-525			
High Intermediate ESL	Individual can understand learned	Individual can read text on familiar	Individual can meet basic survival
	phrases and short new phrases	subjects that have a simple and clear	and social needs, can follow some
Test Benchmark:	containing familiar vocabulary	underlying structure (e.g., clear	simple oral and written instruction,
CASAS scale scores:	spoken slowly and with some	main idea, chronological order); can	and has some ability to
• Reading: 211–220	repetition; can communicate basic	use context to determine meaning;	communicate on the telephone on
• L&W Listening: 210–218	survival needs with some help; can	can interpret actions required in	familiar subjects; can write
	participate in conversation in	specific written directions; can write	messages and notes related to basic
BEST Plus 2.0: 485–524	limited social situations and use	simple paragraphs with main idea	needs; can complete basic medical
BEST Literacy: 68-75 (SPL 5-7)	new phrases with hesitation; and	and supporting details on familiar	forms and job applications; and can
	relies on description and concrete	topics (e.g., daily activities,	handle jobs that involve basic oral
TABE CLAS-E scale scores:*	terms. There is inconsistent control	personal issues) by recombining	instructions and written
Total Reading and Writing:	of more complex grammar.	learned vocabulary and structures;	communication in tasks that can be
515-556		and can self and peer edit for	clarified orally. Individual can
Total Listening and		spelling and punctuation errors.	work with or learn basic computer
Speaking: 526-558			software, such as word processing, and can follow simple instructions
			<u> </u>
			for using technology.

Literacy Level	Listening and Speaking	Basic Reading and Writing	Functional and Workplace Skills
Advanced ESL  Test Benchmark: CASAS scale scores: Reading: 221–235 L&W Listening: 219–227  BEST Plus 2.0: 525–564 (exit 565 and higher) BEST Literacy: 76-78 (SPL 7-8) **	Listening and Speaking Individual can understand and communicate in a variety of contexts related to daily life and work. Can understand and participate in conversation on a variety of everyday subjects, including some unfamiliar vocabulary, but may need repetition or rewording. Can clarify own or others' meaning by rewording. Can understand the main points of simple discussions and	Basic Reading and Writing  Individual can read moderately complex text related to life roles and descriptions and narratives from authentic materials on familiar subjects. Uses context and word analysis skills to understand vocabulary, and uses multiple strategies to understand unfamiliar texts. Can make inferences, predictions, and compare and contrast information in familiar texts. Individual can write multiple strategies to understand unfamiliar texts. Individual can write multiple strategies to understand unfamiliar texts.	Functional and Workplace Skills Individual can function independently to meet most survival needs and to use English in routine social and work situations. Can communicate on the telephone on familiar subjects. Understands radio and television on familiar topics. Can interpret routine charts, tables and graphs and can complete forms and handle work demands that require non-technical oral and written instructions and routine
<ul> <li>TABE CLAS-E scale scores:*</li> <li>Total Reading and Writing: 557-600</li> <li>Total Listening and Speaking: 559-600</li> </ul>	simple discussions and informational communication in familiar contexts. Shows some ability to go beyond learned patterns and construct new sentences. Shows control of basic grammar but has difficulty using more complex structures. Has some basic fluency of speech.	texts. Individual can write multi- paragraph text (e.g., organizes and develops ideas with clear introduction, body, and conclusion), using some complex grammar and a variety of sentence structures. Makes some grammar and spelling errors. Uses a range of vocabulary.	written instructions and routine interaction with the public. Individual can use common software, learn new basic applications, and select the correct basic technology in familiar situations.

### **Appendix B: SC BEST Plus 2.0 Training Guide**

The following graphic was created by the SCDE Office of Adult Education.



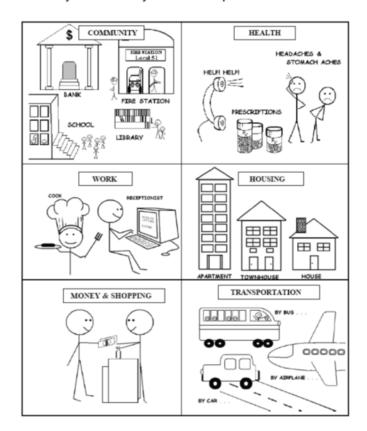
## APPENDIX A

## **Sample Needs Assessment Forms**

#### BEGINNING LEVEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Student Name:	
Date:	

What do you want to study? Circle three Topics



SOURCE: Lieshoff, S. C. et. Al. (2004). Practitioner Toolkit: Working with Adult English Language Learners. Washington, D.C.: Center for Applied Linguistics

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#### **ESL ADULT LEARNERS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Student Name:	Instructor Name:
Date:	Program:
GENERAL GOALS  My goals are (check all that apply)	
get a job get a better job get a high school diploma get a GED speaking reading writing	other:
HOT TOPICS First, I want to learn English for the following reasons (C	'heck the 3 most important)
inding a job on the job community (bank, post office, library) shopping for food and clothes housing transportation health	other:
I have problems with (check all that apply)  pronunciation writing grammar American culture reading conversation	other:
SOURCE: Colorado Certificate of Accomplishment	

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#### **ESOL LEARNER NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

This portion should be filled out at registration

Name:	Date:
Level:	Term:
1. When did you come to the U.S.?	
2. How long will you be living in the U.S.?	
3. Where did you hear about our program?	
4. What is your main reason for coming to the U	United States?
5. Are you currently employed? 🔲 Yes 🔲 N	No
If YES, what is your job and where do you work?	?
Researcher Staff member  7. Did you work in your home country? Yes  If YES, what was your job?  8. Where have you studied English before?	with (college or university)
9. For how long did you study English?	
10. How do you need to use English?	
11. In what neighborhood do you live?	
SOURCE: The Greater Homewood Community Corporatio	n
MCAEL TEACHER TOOLKIT	

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#### **ESOL LEARNER NEEDS ASSESSMENT, CONTINUED**

This portion should be filled out on the first day of class

Level:	Term:	
What do like to do in your free tim	ne?	
Your goals are to		
get a job	improve your speaking	learn more about
get a better job	improve your writing	American culture
get more education	improve your pronunciation	other
improve your reading	improve your grammar	-
Which activities are most helpful	to your English learning?	
conversation	☐ listening to tapes	writing
ifield trips	pair/group work	other
games	pronunciation drills	
grammar practice	reading	19
idiom practice	songs	
Where do you want to speak bett	er English?	
at work	at the doctors	other
on the bus/train	on the telephone	
with friends	in stores	**************************************
with neighbors	at your children's school	
Do you want to read/write better	English for?	
checks	maps/directions	other
bills	forms	V
ads in newspapers	job applications	
atalogs catalogs	your children's report cards/	
work notices	school notes	
What other things do you want yo	our teacher to know?	

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## **Appendix D: Adult Education Registration Form**

(2)	Click here to enter text.  ADULT EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM 2017-2018						m Use Only
10000	Site:						
Last Name & Suffix	I	First Name	Mid	dle/Maiden Nan	ne Pref	erred Name	
Mailing Address							
City			State	Zip	County	or School Distri	ict of Residence
Home Phone		Work Phone			Cell Pho	ne	
Email			Date of B	irth (mm/dd/yy	7 <del>7</del> ) A	ge	Gender (M/F)
	inition: A Hispan	ck the "YES" or ". iie/Latino individual is American or other Spa	a person of	Cuban, Mexican	, Puerto Ri	_	•
Yes, I am Hispanic/La	tino 🗌		No,	I am not Hispa	nic/Latin	o 🗌	
	Race: C	heck one or more	boxes belo	w to indicate	your race	,	
American Indian or A	Alaskan Native	<u></u>		Native Haw	aiian or O	ther Pacific Isla	ınder
Black or Afr	ican American		Asiz	ın 🗌		7	White
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Displaced Homemaker		Homeless			ngle Parent		
English Language Learne		Long-term Une	•	L	ow-Income	(Econ. Disadv.)	
Immigrant		If Immigrant, B	irth Country				
		Education Level	Completed	(Check one)			
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Location of Education: U	.S. Schools? Yes	No Name o	f Last High 3	chool Attended:			
Have you attended adult	education before?	If Yes, where?				When	2
If you are between ages 1				Yes No	_		
Do you receive Public As							
		ou enrolling in Adı	ult Educati			• • •	
To improve my education			<u>                                  </u>	To improve		an find a job.	<del>-      </del>
To improve skills so that To improve skills so that			college	To learn Eng		t in children's ed	nestion
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Student Signature: This form is void after June 30, 20	t8 The Regis	tration Form and Authorization	n for Release of In	formation form must b		ute:Up	dated on April 6, 2017

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		More involv	ed in ch	ildren's s	chool activi	ties			
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	ondary Family	Reading to	childre	n					
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## **Appendix E: Authorization for Release of Information Form**



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#### AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I give permission for the release of my employment and post-secondary school information by the following agencies to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE): I understand that my social security number will be used by the SCDE, the S.C. Dept. of Employment and Workforce and select post-secondary institutions for data matching purposes. My social security number will not be released to any other third party.

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Form effective through June 30, 2018 Updated on Feb. 23, 2015

# **Intake/Orientation Checklist**

### **Initial Contact:**

	Have a plan in place for disseminating program information to prospective students
	Have a schedule in place for intake and orientation of students that can be
	communicated to new/returning students Inform front office staff of ESL Intake/Orientation schedule to communicate it to
	students inquiring about the program
	Have a brochure/handout outlining intake and orientation procedures for your program (in multiple languages)
Intake	e procedures:
	Have a standardized packet of forms for students to fill out.  Have a set time for students to fill out forms (before or after class, specific days, etc.)
Langu	page Assessment(s)BEST Plus 2.0 and/or BEST Literacy :
	Have a designated room for testing Students are given designated time to complete assessment(s) SC Assessment Policy guidelines are followed Display a "Testing in Progress" sign during assessments tation procedures:
	Registration on CareerReady101 (WorkKeys) software and pre-test (if applicable) Connect eligible students to Career Pathways process
	<ul><li>Child care</li><li>SCWorks, Goodwill Job Connection, etc</li></ul>

Needs assessments:
<ul> <li>□ Academic/learning</li> <li>□ Learning styles</li> <li>□ Past Education and employment</li> <li>□ Goals</li> <li>○ Employment</li> <li>○ Higher education/training</li> <li>○ Other</li> </ul> Records:
<ul> <li>Procedures in place for creating and maintaining student records</li> <li>Established procedure for relaying student information to person responsible for LACES data input</li> <li>Documentation of the relay of information and progress on career pathway for eligible students</li> </ul>

## Sample Intake Schedule---Scheduled Registration

#### DAY 1

- Go to Room ###
- Fill out intake forms
- Pay Registration/Book fees
- Schedule pre-test appointment

### **DAY 2 & 3**

- Go to Room ### at scheduled time
- Take Pre-test
- Go to Room ###
- Individual or small group orientation
- Fill out Needs Assessment(s)

#### DAY 4

- Begin class
- Group meeting with Transition Specialist
- Give calendar of work preparation skills sessions (led by TS)
- Register for CareerReady 101 and take pre-test in ONE area (low level students are exempt)

## Sample Intake Schedule---<u>Unscheduled</u> Registration

#### DAY 1

- Fill out pre-registration
- Make appointment to return
- Give student program brochure

#### DAY 2

- Go to Room ### at scheduled time
- Fill out intake forms
- Take Pre-test
- Individual orientation
- Give student date for monthly TS meeting which will include:
  - Calendar of workplace preparation sessions (led by TS)
  - Registration for CareerReady 101 and pre-test in ONE area (low level students are exempt)

#### DAY 3

- Begin class
- Fill out Needs Assessment(s)

## **Appendix G: Adult Learning Plans**

	me:			D	ate:
Aer	ason for Participation:				
Str	sessment Methods:ength/Interest:ength/Interest				
-	originationosi.				
Go	al Areas (check all that apply)				
	Improve Basic Skills		U.S. Citizenship Skills		Increased Involvement in
	☐ Reading				Children's Education
	☐ Math		Gain Unsubsidized		Help more frequently
	□ Language		Employment		with school
		_			Increased contact with
Ц	High School		Retain Employment or		children's teachers
	Course/Diploma		Advance in Job		☐ More involvement in
	GED Preparation	П	Removal from Public		children's activities
_	OLD Fiehalation	J	Assistance	П	Increased Involvement in
	Preparation for Post		AGGIGUATIO	_	Children's Literacy Activitie
_	Secondary Education or		Work-based Project Goal		☐ Reading to children
	Training	_			☐ Visiting library
	ŭ		Increased Involvement in		Purchasing books or
	ESL Conversation, Survival		Community Activities		magazines
	ESL Reading, Writing		Civics Information		Other
Δri	ditional Factors Affecting Lea	rnor's	Prograze		
Au	antional Factors Anecting Lea	illet s	s Progress.		
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tha	t if changes need to be made in	the le	arning plan, the learner and I	will m	ake a new agreement.
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Topic: Basic Skills	Date
Objectives	
1. I can introduce a friend to my teacher.	
2. I can fill out a registration form with my information.	
3. I can count 1-20.	
4. I can count 1-100 by tens.	
5. I can name the position of five objects on a table.	

Topic: People	Date
Objectives	
1. I can describe a person using three adjectives.	
2. I can indentify five family members in a photo example.	
3. I can name three personal life events.	
4. I can name five feelings and give examples of what would cause those feelings.	

Topic: Community	Date
Objectives	
1. I can write the names of five community services.	
2. I can name five things that are at a library.	
3. I can order the steps of mailing a letter.	
4. I can correctly label 8 out of 10 pictures of	

Name	_
<b>Topic: Personal Communications</b>	

Topic: Personal Communications	Date
Tarrier Basis Chille	Data
Topic: Basic Skills	Date
Objectives	
1. I can tell and write time to the quarter	
hour	
2. I can name and write the days of the	
week and the months	
3. I can count 1-25, count by 10's to 100	
and write the numbers .	
4. I can identify colors and money	
quantities	
5. I can name legal holidays and describe	
common celebrations/events.	
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Objectives	
1. I can orally give and write personal information	
given a simple form without mistakes.	
2. I can greet, take leave of, and introduce another	
student .	
3. I can make a friendly and emergency telephone	
call, and read a phone bill.	
4. I can describe items using common adjectives	
orally and in writing.	
5. I can use a and an correctly orally and in 5	
sentences.	

Topic: Daily Routines	Date
	Date
Objectives	
1. I can describe morning routines in detail orally and	
in writing.	
2. I can name five activities I do daily.	
3. I can read a simple schedule.	
4. I can correctly label 10 out of 15 personal hygiene	
items.	
5. I can use regular and irregular verbs in the past	
tense.	

Topic: Weather	Date
Objectives	
1. I can identify the four seasons verbally and in	
writing.	

## Appendix H: Adult ESL Lesson Plan Template

	Teacher Name: Click here to enter	Level:Click here to enter	Date:Click here to
	text.	text.	enter text.
S	Adult ESL Standards Include the code and text of the standard(s) being addressed.	Click here to enter text.	
STANDARDS	Contextualization/Connection to the World of Work  Industry Competencies  • Manufacturing  • Health Care  • Hospitality	Click here to enter text.	
	Digital Literacy Component  • ISTE Standards for Students	Click here to enter text.	
	Objectives	The student will be able to: Click here to enter text.	
	Language skills addressed	Reading □ Writing □	Speaking $\square$ Listening $\square$
	Vocabulary/Terms	Click here to enter text.	
INSTRUCTION/ASSESSMENT	Text/Materials/Equipment	Click here to enter text.	
	Lesson and Practice  Warm-up/Review  Introduction  Presentation  Guided Practice  Independent Practice	Warm-up/Review Click here to enter text. Introduction Click here to enter text. Presentation Click here to enter text. Guided Practice Click here to enter text. Independent Practice Click here to enter text.	
	Assessment	I will know that the lesson ha students can answer the follo Click here to enter text. The means of assessment and will be: Click here to enter text.	wing questions:
	Extension/Assignment	Click here to enter text.	

## **Appendix I: Adult Education Classroom Observation Tool**



## ADULT EDUCATION TEACHER OBSERVATION TOOL

	Forma	al Observation _	Informal Observation	
Date:	AE Program:		Site:	Room No:
Teacher:	Full Time:	Part Time:	Observation Start Time:	Observation End Time:
Observer:		Title:		Purpose:
STUDENT ATTENDANCE (QI/III.I)				
Female		Male	Total Student Att	endance
Number of females at beginning and ending of observation  BeginningEnding	Number of ma ending of obse Beginning		Enter total number of students in and ending of obs Compare to sign in sheet Beginning Number of Students_ of Students_	servation.  :/method/mode Ending Number
TUTORS				
Are tutors being used to instruct students? YES NO			YES, Ratio of Students to Tutor(s) Nuture tudents: Number of Tutors:_	

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STUDENT SIGN IN PROCEDURE			
Teacher Verified Studer Teacher uses a sign-in procedure to departure times) YES NO Describe Sign-in Process:	nt Managed Electronic System consistently track student attendance hour	<b>'s</b> (e.g. student signs in and out, indicatir	ng class arrival and
RECORDS (QI/VII & QI/VIII)			
Teacher Records Secure: YES	NO Teacher reco	rds available for each student: YES	NO
	ers accessible to students: YES N		
	OBSERVATION ARE	AS	
I. Learning Environment	5. Classroom Management	8. Standards	II. Students with Disabilities
2 Program Structure	6 Assessment/Data/Student Progress	9 Instructional Delivery	12 Family Literacy

OBSERVATION LEGEND:	Y = Yes, Evident	N = No, Not Evident	NA = Not Applicable	QI= Quality Indicator			
	Activity was observed in	Activity was not observed in	Activity is not applicable to class and/or	Activity is a federal and/or			
	real time	real time	program	state mandated			
				activity and is reflected in			
				AE Quality Indicators			
	Observation should be a minimum of thirty (30) minutes - (includes teacher and student records review)						

10. Teacher/Student Interactions

l3. ESL

7. Instructional Strategies and Planning

3. Instructional Resources

4. Professional Knowledge

ACTIVITY OBSERVED	<b>(AE_Activities)</b> : Intake and Orientation/Career Pathways, Literacy, Basic, HSED, HSD, ESL,
Workforce Preparation Activities, Family Literacy, Comp	puter Literacy, Lab, Testing, Career Pathway, Digital Literacy, College and Career Readiness
Standards, Integrated Education and Training,	
other	

1. LEARNING ENVIRONMENT				OBSERVER NOTES
	Υ	N	NA	
1a. Indoor space, Environment, Teacher Expectations: (e.g. appropriate for the adult learner: clean, orderly, temperature-regulated, attractive, posted visuals related to learning and AE program information; GED testing schedules, economic outlook, workforce readiness, etc.)				
1b. Room Arrangement, Furnishings and Space to meet professional needs of students: (e.g. conducive to learning with ease in rearrangement for various learning activities (e.g. varying group size), space is student oriented, inviting. Are there adult-sized chairs, individual desk or tables, space to meet personal needs of students, space to work privately, conference, storage space, break area with amenities such as coffee, refrigerator, etc)				
2. Emergency information posted or readily accessible: (e.g. includes exit routes, and emergency procedures)				
3. Appropriate lighting and signage: (e.g. room number/teacher name, interior and exterior lighting) (QI/I.I0)				
4. Program/classroom is accessible to adults with special needs: (e.g. ramps, elevator, etc.) (QI/I.9)				

2. PROGRAM STRUCTURE				OBSERVER NOTES
	Υ	N	NA	
I. Flexible classroom structure that meets student needs: (e.g. to accommodate students' work schedules, family responsibilities, etc.)				
2. Fire, tornado, and other safety and disaster drills practiced regularly. (QI/I.8)				
3. INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES	Υ	N	NA	OBSERVER NOTES
I. Adult library/Internet, (in classroom or building: (with various genres, reading levels, and a sufficient amount of books available for checkout, and/or access to eBooks/readers) (QI/I.I4)				
2. Access to Computers and software for integration of instruction. (e.g. ITTs, Career Ready IOI,etc. (cite examples)				
3. Accessible GED practice books and other resources.				
4. Use <i>News for You</i> and/or <u>other</u> current informational resources. (QJ/I.7)				
5. Limited use of worksheets: (e.g. students have access to workbooks and manipulatives/concrete representations)				
4. PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE	Υ	N	NA	OBSERVER NOTES
I. Uses rigorous instructional strategies.				
2. Demonstrates awareness of student academic and career goals and emphasizes the link between academic, career and post-secondary education.				

5. CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT				OBSERVER NOTES
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Classroom rules posted and written in positive language – Class				
and/or program schedules posted. (QI/I.I9)				
2. Focuses student attention:(e.g. by demonstration, activity, questions,				
etc., before launching into lecture or instruction)				
3. Student Attendance. (ensures that students sign in and out. Makes				
note of absentees) (QI/III.I.a)				
6. ASSESSMENT/DATA/ STUDENT PROGRESS				OBSERVER NOTES
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I. Analyzes, evaluates, and uses class and student performance data				
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7. INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES and PLANNING				OBSERVER NOTES
	Υ	N	NA	5 5 5 5 1 1 5 1 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5
1. Instructional Planning:				
Lesson plans or Curriculum Maps available				
Lesson plans or Curriculum Maps reflect				
objectives CCR standards				
Lesson plans or Curriculum Maps reflect planning for				
individual student instruction				
<b>Note:</b> Instructors must show use of SC CCR Standards.				
2. Teacher folders reflect instruction, curriculum, students'				
academic needs, and chosen career pathway if applicable: (e.g.				
contain appropriate information, registration form, test data, planning				
sheet, prescription sheets, etc.) (QI/VII.2)				
3. Student folders reflect a correlation between EFL level,				
instruction, assessment analysis and career pathway focus: (e.g.				
reflect goals, instructional plan, TABE scores, prescription sheet,				
diagnostic profile, TABE analysis chart, career pathway, work examples, etc.) (QI/VII.3)				
4. Pace of lesson is: slow fast includes variations				
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5. Integrates technology into instruction and demonstrates basic				
technological skills: (e.g. computer, smart board, iPads – cite examples)				
7. Demonstrates knowledge of effective instructional strategies at				
each EFL level.				
8. Consistently integrates writing.				
9. Addresses different modalities of learning: (e.g. visual, auditory,				
kinesthetic, etc.)				
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10. Integration of Digital Literacy - (QI/II.3)				

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11. Workforce Preparation Skills - (QI/II.3)				
8. STANDARDS				OBSERVER NOTES
	Υ	N	NA	
I. Effectively addresses appropriate curriculum standards. (QI/II.3)				
Integrates key content areas and aligns lesson objectives with impending assessments and real world situations.				
3. Students are working with texts that are at or above the expected level of complexity for the course or they are engaged in reading well-designed series of texts on a topic at a variety of complexity levels to build knowledge.				
4. Questions and assignments consistently stimulate student thinking beyond recall; students are asked to elaborate and justify their answers.				
5. Students have varied opportunities (beyond filling out worksheets) to apply what they are learning in authentic or practical adult-oriented contexts (e.g., reading and using trade manuals or other content for job training or citizenship).				
9. INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY	Υ	N	NA	OBSERVER NOTE
I. Demonstrates knowledge of adult learning principles through instructional approaches and methods.				
2. Demonstrates knowledge in the content area(s): (e.g. reading, writing, math, science, social studies, ESL, college and career readiness standards, career pathways, parent education, etc.)				
3.Chooses materials and resources that support students' EFL and academic needs: (e.g. ensures that adults are appropriately challenged and not embarrassed by EFL)				

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4. Instructor consistently checks for student understanding, using				
informal yet deliberate methods (e.g., walks around the room to				
check on students' work, monitors verbal responses).				
5. Learner goals are clear.				
10. TEACHER/STUDENT INTERACTIONS				OBSERVER NOTES
	Υ	N	NA	
I. Varies instruction, sensitive to student cues: (e.g. moves to				
individual, small group, whole group instruction as appropriate)				
2. Maximize student in class time by working with student				
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individually and in groups.				
3. Checks to see whether lesson components are understood.				
4. Demonstrates a rapport with students shows enthusiasm and is				
positive. Has established a climate of trust and support. Promotes				
and respects students' diversity: (e.g. calls students by name,				
encourages students and make them feel welcome, cite example)				
5. Demonstrates awareness of and reviews student goals:				
(e.g. TABE gains, HSED, HSD, NCRC, Career Pathway, ESL, Parent				
Education, etc.)				
11. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES				OBSERVER NOTES
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	Y	N	NA	
I. Is aware of special needs laws, guidelines, and student IEP's.				
(QI/I.9)				
2. Han alan fan ann ising aturdanta with an IFD				
2. Has plan for servicing students with an IEP.				
(QI/I.16)				

12. FAMILY LITERACY				OBSERVER NOTES
	Υ	N	NA	
I. Parent education primary and secondary goals and AE educational goals being reinforced through curriculum.				
2. Segmented or Incorporated Parent Education hours are being met: (e.g. ten to fifteen monthly hours are consistently integrated)				
3. Evidence of Pre-Surveys being administered. Is there a connection between the other components?				
4. The four components of family literacy are being effectively implemented: (e.g. adult education, parent education, interactive literacy activities, and early care and education)				
13. ESL	Υ	N	NA	OBSERVER NOTES
I. Uses English to teach ESL classes.				
2. More than one of the four basic language skills is addressed during the class period.				
3. Students are given multiple opportunities to communicate orally in English.				
4. Instructor uses various grouping strategies to enhance students' communicative opportunities.				
5. Workforce preparation skills are integrated into classroom instruction.				

## **ADDITIONAL OBSERVER NOTES:**

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### Appendix J: Complete URL List

The following is a list of the full URLs for the websites referenced in this document.

Curriculum Resources

scraetac.org

http://pickensraetac.ss10.sharpschool.com/resources/administrative\_resources/esl

Minnesota Scope and Sequence of Skills

http://resources.marshalladulteducation.org/scopeandsequence.htm

**REEP ESL Curriculum for Adults** 

https://www.apsva.us/reep/eslcurriculum/,

Tennessee Adult ESOL Curriculum Resource Book

http://resources.clee.utk.edu/print/esol.pdf and

North Carolina Adult ESL Curriculum Guide

http://www.nc-net.info/ESL/guide.php

Arkansas Adult ESL Curriculum

http://www.arcareereducation.org/resources-forms/getFolder/Adult%20Education/

**Training Videos** 

New American Horizons Training Videos

http://www.newamericanhorizons.org/training-videos

Minnesota Literacy teacher Training Videos

http://www.mnliteracy.org/classroomvideos

### **Internet Resources for Students:**

http://rosettastone.com

https://www.duolingo.com

https://www.totivt.com

https://pdictionary.com

https://www.burlingtonenglish.com

### **Internet Resources for Teachers:**

http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/label/simple.shtml

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