

Illinois ABE/ASE Curriculum Guide Update



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What curriculum is:

Curriculum outlines the skills, performances, attitudes, and values [students] are expected to learn from schooling. It includes statements of desired [student] outcomes, descriptions of materials, and *the planned sequence that will be used to help [students] attain the outcomes*

- Wikipedia

What curriculum is:

- **Spiral Curriculum:** Many ideas are introduced at each grade/level and then repeated at following grades to add depth of understanding.
- **Outcome Based Curriculum:** Students study a topic in depth until it is mastered. The question of “what is mastery?” needs to be answered if using this model.

What curriculum isn't:

- A scripted text of lessons and activities to be performed in every classroom.

Where we are now:

- FY12 - Aligned the Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards with the Common Core State Standards
- October 2013 - Aligned the Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards with OVAE's College and Career Readiness Standards.

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The Curriculum Development Project:

- Ten programs were selected to participate
 - ABE/ASE programs, High School Credit, Department of Corrections, CBO
- One ABE team & one ASE team
- Teams meet monthly to develop essential understandings and essential questions for each group of ABE/ASE content standards

Where we are now (continued):

- Draft Curriculum Guide submitted to ICCB for approval - April 2014
- Reviewed and finalized - May 2014

Where we are headed:

- June 2014 - ABE/ASE Curriculum Institutes will be held across the state
 - Mandatory training for all ICCB-funded programs that serve ABE and/or ASE students
 - Date/location of training will be preselected (will be grouped regionally to minimize travel)

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- Audience: Programs Directors, Lead Teachers, and those directly involved in curriculum development. Programs should send a team of 3-5 individuals to the institute.

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- **Prerequisite:** There will be an iLearn module (approximately one hour) that is a prerequisite for all participants. This online piece will include the following:
 - Introduction to ABE/ASE Content Standards
 - Definition of standards vs. curriculum
 - Bloom's Taxonomy and Webb's Depth of Knowledge information
 - Unpacking the Standards activity

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- **Overview:** The ABE/ASE Curriculum Institute will be a face to face training that is three hours in length.
 - Design and components of the Curriculum Guide
 - How the Curriculum Guide works as a companion piece to the ABE/ASE Language Arts and Math Standards
 - How to align resources to the ABE/ASE Language Arts and Mathematics Standards
 - Teams will start the process of aligning their ABE/ASE curriculum to the Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards or developing a new curriculum
 - Process for curriculum submission and ICCB approval

Discussion

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