

Accelerated Learning: How Do We Make It Happen?

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Outcomes of Today's Session

Develop a Common Understanding of Career Pathways;
Identify Adult Education's Role in the Career Pathway Process;
Explore Accelerated Learning Strategies; and
Discover CALPRO Professional Growth Opportunities Related to
Career Pathways and Acceleration.



1-3 Word Whip-Around

Describe a career pathway



What is a career pathway?

According to WIOA Legislation:

Career Pathways: A combination of rigorous and high-quality education, training and other services that:

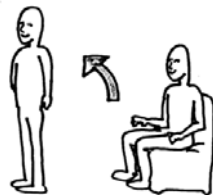
- A) **aligns with the skill needs** of industries in the economy of the State or regional economy involved;
- B) prepares an individual to be successful in any of a **full range of secondary or post-secondary** education options, including apprenticeships...;
- C) **includes counseling to support** an individual in achieving the individual's education and career goals;
- D) includes, as appropriate, **education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities** and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster;

What is a career pathway? (cont')

- E) organizes education, training, and other services to meet the particular needs of an individual **in a manner that accelerates the educational and career advancement** of the individual to the extent practicable;
- F) enables an individual to attain a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and **at least 1 recognized post-secondary credential**; and
- G) helps an individual **enter or advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster**.



Adult Education's Role



Acceleration Strategies

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What is Accelerated Learning?

“An intensive method of study which enables material to be learned in a relatively short time.”

-- Oxford English Dictionary

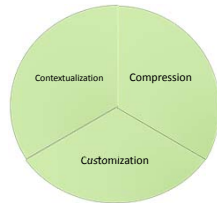
What is Accelerated Learning?

What it achieves ...

“... can create the transformed infrastructure and delivery modes that are required to meet the goals of expanding access, closing achievement gaps, assisting workers to advance, and transitioning learners to credit-bearing post-secondary education or occupational training.”

-- *Making Skills Everyone's Business*
US Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education

Exploring Accelerated Learning Strategies



Exploring Accelerated Learning Strategies

Compression

1. Accelerate Course Timelines
 - Increasing the intensity of instruction by increasing the amount of hours in a shorter period of time.
2. Add an Online Element to a Face-to-Face Course
 - Also known as blended learning, combines the convenience of online education with the interaction of a face-to-face course.
3. Offer Short Term Courses and Boot Camps
 - Programs concentrate effort on a specific contextualized task or series of tasks that meet a career pathway objective over a short period of time.

Compression Strategies - Debrief

Please stand if you ...

Are currently implementing an element of a compression strategy.

Think one of the compression strategies might be right for your agency to implement.

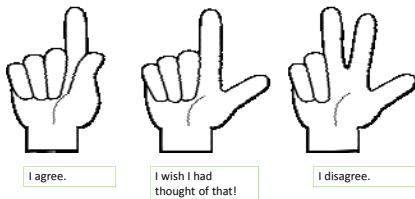
Have a question about compression strategies.

Exploring Accelerated Learning Strategies

Customization

4. Modify class schedules to meet the needs of students
 - Adjust course offerings in response to student schedules and needs.
5. Modularize content
 - Offer courses in smaller modularized sections that allow students to take what they need and skip what they don't need.
6. Assess knowledge at intake
 - Identify students' needs based on assessment data

Customization Strategies - Debrief



Exploring Accelerated Learning Strategies

Contextualization

7. Implement One of Several Integrated Education and Training (IET) Models
 - Examples include co-teaching, alternating teachers, VESL/VABE-Specific Classes, Cluster VESL/VABE Classes.
8. Contextualize Instruction
 - Instructional strategies that link the learning of foundational or academic skills with occupational content by focusing on application.
9. Integrate Career Awareness into Curriculum
 - Programs concentrate on student goal setting and career exploration by exposing students to careers related to instruction.

Talk About It

With a partner

"I used to think _____ about Accelerated Learning;
now I think _____."



Additional Learning Opportunities

CALPRO's Integrated and Contextualized Workforce Skills

- Online Course or Community of Practice Training

CALPRO's Integrated Education and Training

- Online Course or Community of Practice Training

National College Transition Network's Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE and ESOL Classroom

- <http://www.collegetransition.org/docs/ICAcriculumguide.pdf>



Wrap-Up

Questions

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Sign-in Sheet and Evaluations

Thank you!



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