Illinois’
Instructional/Professional Pathways

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Background Information

- In FY17 the Illinois Community College Board created Instructional Staff Professional Pathways
- Instructional Pathways exist for ABE/ASE, English as Second Language (ESL), Transitions, and Special Learning Needs (SLN)
- Professional Pathway exists for Career Navigator
These professional pathways indicate the skills and knowledge required for an adult education instructor/professional to earn a credential as:

- Proficient
- Specialist
- Master
Why are the Professional Pathways important?

- Supports the statewide initiative to professionalize the adult education field
- Assists individuals and programs in planning for professional development
- Encourages collaboration with peers and implementation of tools and strategies that will improve student outcomes
Professional Pathway Credentialing
Three separate credentials exist for Standards Proficient Instructors on the Illinois Data Collection System (DAISI)

- Standards Proficient Instructor (SPI),
- Specialist (S) and
- Master Teacher (MT) credentials are applied directly to the instructor’s record by State or Professional Development Network staff
Instructor Credentialing

The initial phase in the credentialing is to be a **Standards Proficient Instructor**.

After becoming a Standards Proficient Instructor, the instructor can become a **Specialist**.

After becoming a Content Specialist, the instructor can become a **Master Teacher**.

When you add a date for the Standards Proficient Instructor or the Content Specialist, additional fields will appear to store the next certification for the instructor.
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ABE/ASE Standards Proficient Instructor

**Credential**

- Online Standards Foundations Course
- CCR-Creating Standards-Aligned Lessons & Conducting a Lesson Study for ABE/ASE (Math or LA)
- CCR-Focus on Assignments & Student Work for ABE/ASE (Math or LA)

Teaching Experience

Specialist

**Credential**

- ABE/ASE LA
- ABE/ASE Math
- SLN

ABE/ASE Master Teacher

**Credential**

- ABE/ASE LA
- ABE/ASE Math
- SLN
- Bridge
- ICAPS

*For more detailed information, see the appropriate instructional pathway document.

**Credential will be issued by the ICCB.
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ESL Standards Proficient Instructor Credential**

- Online ESL Standards Foundations Course
- CCR-Creating ESL Standards-Aligned Lessons & Conducting an ESL Lesson Study
- CCR-Focus on ESL Assignments & Student Work

Preferred Instructor

Teaching Experience

Specialist Credential**

ESL

SLN

Bridge

Transitions

ICAPS

Master Teacher Credential**

ESL

SLN

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Each Pathway includes:

- Pathway document
- Pathway Professional Development Checklist
- Training opportunities
Let’s take a look!
Resources:

- Professional Pathways: excellenceinadulted.com
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- PD Guide
- PD Online and In-Person Catalogues
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