Teaching the English Language in the Context of a Career (Integrated Education and Training)
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• You!
  • Name
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  • Familiarity with I-BEST
Washington State’s Adult Education Plan

• After 18 years of success, I-BEST remains Washington states most successful delivery model for connecting adults to living wage jobs.
  • I-BEST transforms the world of adult education through contextualization
  • I-BEST taps the combined expertise of faculty through integrated team teaching
  • I-BEST provides wraparound support and navigational services to promote student retention and completion
I-BEST: Pathways that Work
Who We Serve

- I-BEST serves adult learners who are:
  - Learning the English Language
  - Seeking both a secondary and postsecondary credential
  - Historically underserved students of color
  - Low-income
I-BEST Roots: The Tipping Point Research

• 35,000 working age adults tracked for five years

• Population had a high school credential or less, or were English language learners

• Sample included students enrolled in ABE/ESL and Developmental Education
The Tipping Point

1 year of college + Workforce Credential → Gateway to Living Wages
Success Defined

• English Language Learners who reached the Tipping Point earned $7,000 more per year on average

• ABE students who reached the Tipping Point earned $8,500 more per year on average.
The Tipping Point: Before I-BEST

• Approximately 5% of ABE/ESL students reach the Tipping point after five years of tracking.
Before I-BEST

Developmental Education

High Demand, Living Wage Career Pathway

ABE Level 1

ABE Level 2

ABE Level 3

ASE Level 2

ASE Level 1

ABE Level 4

ABE Level 1

ABE Level 2

ABE Level 3
The I-BEST Transformation
I-BEST Defined

• I-BEST creates accelerated pathways that allow students to go further and faster in reaching their educational goals. I-BEST also provides pathways to living wage career opportunities.
The Components of I-BEST

- Team-teaching
- Contextualization
- Navigational Support
Contextualization

- Contextualization makes basic education relevant for students.
Navigational Services

- Wraparound support and navigational services keep students on the path and guide them to completion.
Team Teaching

• Team teaching brings the Tipping point within reach for students.
Team Teaching in Action: Traditional & Collaborative Model
Team Teaching in Action: Complementary Model
I-BEST Research

• According to a study by the Institute of Education Sciences, I-BEST is likely to increase industry-recognized credential, certificate, or license completion

• Students who transitioned to a professional technical path with I-BEST had the highest overall attainment of a credential (58 percent). This was nearly 30 percentage points higher than either any other BEdA student transitioning to college, or other First Time In College (FTIC) students starting directly on a college-level path.
  • (Guiding Students from Basic Education Through College and beyond for Equitable Post-College Outcomes, David Prince March 1, 2020)

• SBCTC research indicates that I-BEST students who complete credentials move on to employment which exceeds the wage goals of the program.
  • (Opportunity Grant and I-BEST Programs: Enrollment and Outcomes. Darby Kaikkonen, March 2018)
I-BEST Online

• The I-BEST model has been adapted to a virtual delivery system that provides a synchronous environment in a Learning Management System (LMS) adapted to support contextualized learning.

• Team Teaching Teams engage students in online discussion forums and/or provide discussion feedback through course announcements, gradebook comments, and several other approaches.

• The strategic combination of modules and pages within the LMS make site navigation much easier and smoother for students when content from multiple courses is integrated into a single course site.
I-BEST Programs in Washington State

https://ibestprograms.sbctc.edu/
Thank you for what you do for students!

Questions?

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