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Resource	Description	
Materials and Activities to Integrate Career Content into Curriculum		
Career Foundations Curriculum	This resource can help teachers guide students to assess their skills and interests, explore career paths, and develop a plan for adult learners to get them to college. (Developed by a Chicago non-profit organization, some of the materials would need to be adapted with local information about job markets and training and education opportunities, but many activities are ready-to-use.) (Women Employed)	
Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE & ESOL Classroom: Curriculum Guide	The Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE & ESOL Classroom curriculum is a ready-to-use, flexible curriculum that prepares adult educators to incorporate career awareness and planning into their instructional and counseling activities. (National College Transition Network, World Education)	
Tools for Career Integration		
MassHire Career Information System	The MassHire Career Information System (MassHire CIS) is a free online tool for all Massachusetts residents, designed to provide occupational and educational information to help people make better-informed career and school choices. (MassHire Dept. of Career Services)	
Occupational Outlook Handbook	This website provides information about the nature of different kinds of work, working conditions, training and education requirements, earnings and job outlook. State and area data are also available. (<i>Bureau of Labor and Statistics</i>)	
O*NET and O*NET Interest Profiler	O*Net (the Occupational Information Network) has up-to-date skills, competencies, and occupational requirements. Searchable by such areas as abilities, interests, skills, and work context. The aligned Interest Profiler is a self-assessment to learn about their interests and aptitudes, which increases their awareness of which occupations they might be best suited for. (<i>U.S. Department of Labor</i>)	

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Rationale and Additional Resources to Support Contextualized Career Instruction with ELs	
Meeting the Language Needs of Today's Adult English Language Learner: Issue Brief	This Issue Brief provides a rationale for the need for increased rigor in all English language acquisition programs, whether in a literacy level class for newcomers or a contextualized career pathways program. <i>(LINCS ESL PRO)</i>
Meeting the Language Needs of Today's Adult English Language Learner: Companion Learning Resource	The Companion Learning Resource provides examples of approaches, strategies, and lesson ideas to inspire and help teachers develop more engaging, rigorous, and effective English language instruction. It also includes numerous links to websites, videos, audio files, and more. <i>(LINCS ESL PRO)</i>
Promoting Learner Transitions to Postsecondary Education and Work: Developing Academic Readiness Skills from the Beginning	This issue brief by Betsy Parrish provides a rationale and instructional examples to help teachers build academic readiness skill development into their instructional practice. (CAELA Network)
Preparing English Learners for Work and Career Pathways	This resource collection offers tools, practical ideas, and hands-on strategies for educators who help adult ELLs in preparing for work or training in career pathways. <i>(LINCS ESL PRO)</i>