Introducing the Virtual Academy

Welcome to the ABE to Credentials Virtual Academy.

This collection of tools and resources can help states and colleges develop and implement integrated pathways from Adult Basic Education to credit-level career and technical programs.

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What is the Virtual Academy?
ABE to Credentials keeps the Virtual Academy up to date, bringing you resources from the fields of Adult Basic Education and career pathways development. The Virtual Academy is comprised of the Resource Library, Communications Tools, Program Models and Examples, and Forums.

Resource Library

The resource library is a compendium of tools and resources selected specifically for this initiative. Topics covered include: Labor Market Data; Developing a State Vision; Data Collection, and Assessing College Capacity. The resource library can be navigated by topics, core elements to re-design we have called "non-negotiable" elements, or tags.

Communications Tools

These tools were developed in collaboration with Gould & Company, the communications firm hired to work on ABE to Credentials. These resources will help you spread the word about your programs, earn stakeholder buy-in, and develop a consistent messaging strategy.

Program Models and Examples

The program models described here include examples from JFF’s ground-breaking research and development practices via the Breaking Through Initiative, Washington State’s Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (i-BEST) colleges as well as our “ideal ABE to Credentials pathway”.

Forums

Use this space to interact with the wide network of innovative practitioners and policymakers involved with the ABE to Credentials initiative. Share best practices, tap into the expertise of colleagues across the country, and actively participate in message board discussions.
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We invite you to actively participate in message board discussions. The forums are not moderated, but please log in (no charge) to the Virtual Academy to post a message. Please see the terms of use before posting a message.

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