
Accessible Online Tools for Contextualizing Learning: IT, Business Administration & Finance

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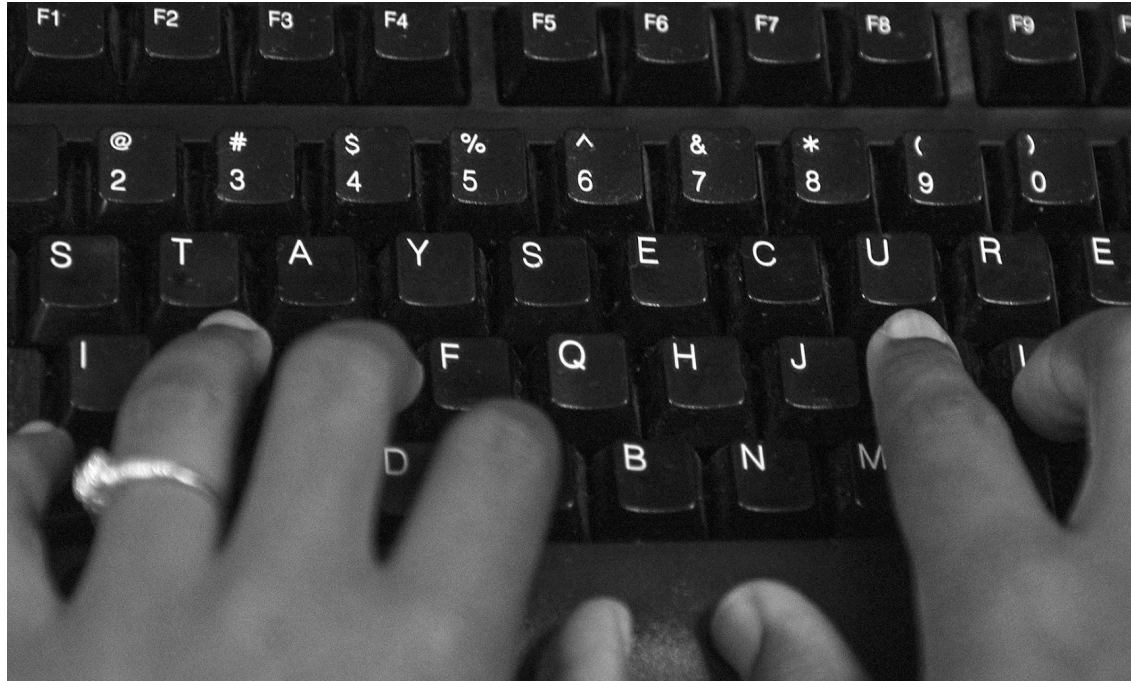
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Can Teaching Trades Transform Lives?

Yes, if you focus on relevant,
essential skills!



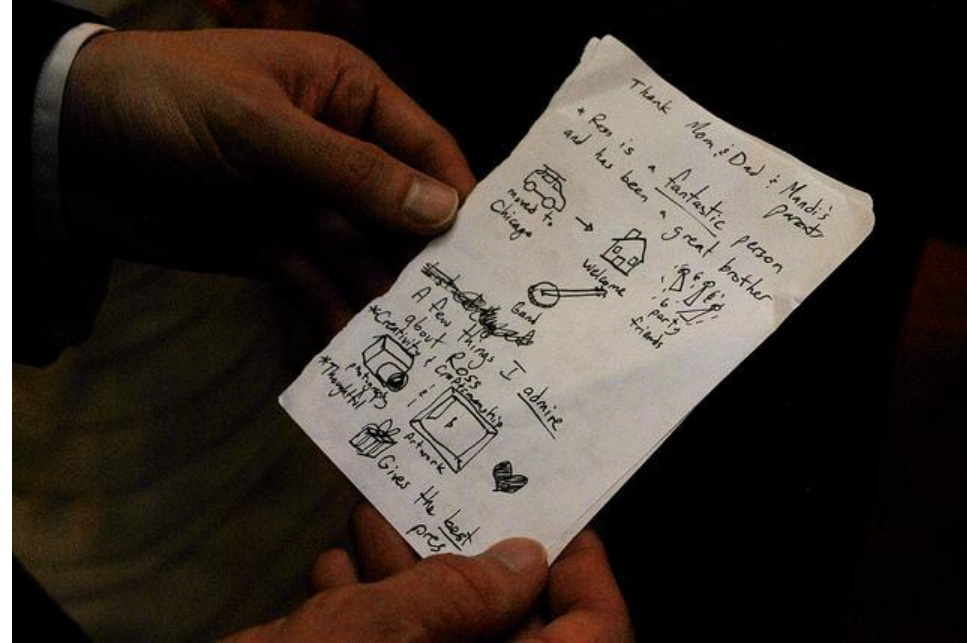


What to Expect

Objective: You will leave this session with new tools & strategies to enliven instruction with occupational skills training.

- **Contextualized Lesson Plan**
Blank template for all industries
- **IT/Business Lesson Plan**
Module 2, Lesson 6: Creating Invoices & Using Formulas
- **Top Picks for DC Educators**
A curated selection of learning tools for IT, Business Administration & Finance

Get a pen or pencil and
Take Notes!



Contextualized Lesson Plan Template

Keep learners engaged!

Download from [Blog.MustSeed.org](https://blog.mustseed.org):

- Lesson Plan Template, blank or with notes
- Sample contextualized lesson plans for seven industries
- Slideshows from all OSSE/UDC webinars





Sample Lesson
From

→ [The Literacy
Cooperative's
Contextualized
Curriculum](#)

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Aspire, and Project LEAD of Summit County) and workforce development organizations to collaborate on an industry-based curriculum for healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, construction, and IT.

All instructors using the curriculum will be part of a three-year study that will be conducted by The Literacy Cooperative. The study will include surveys on the effectiveness of the curriculum, sharing aggregate classroom data on the progress of students when using contextualized curriculum, and the instructor feedback on the ease of use.

Instructor Resources



Healthcare
Contextualized
Curriculum



Manufacturing
Contextualized
Curriculum



Digital Literacy
Contextualized
Curriculum



Construction
Contextualized
Curriculum



Hospitality
Contextualized
Curriculum

Digital Literacy Contextualized Curriculum





Digital Literacy/IT

Curriculum originally created for digital literacy, an organization providing IC3 exam preparation for entry level IT jobs.

→ **Table of Contents: Modules**

Three modules integrate adult basic education lessons into existing IC3 preparation curriculum.

→ **Sample Lesson**

Numeracy: Creating Invoices and Using Formulas

Quick Check: What is Contextualized Learning?



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Lessons in a specific real
world context



Three Key Strategies:

Interdisciplinary



Contextualize



Differentiate



Source: Farrell, M. (2013) "Teaching Adults: GED Test Resource Book" New Readers Press

Differentiation: IT/Digital Literacy

All the Activities!

Self-Paced
Pair & Share
Small & Large Group

Review PEMDAS & Algebra:
MathisFun.com, Khan Academy

On Computer (large group):

- Find MS Word template
- Create cost formulas
- Hourly wage scenarios
- Filling in a template

Accelerated: Teach back to other students, make additional scenarios



Sample Lesson: IT, Business, Finance

- **Creating Invoices & Using Formulas**
- **Student Activities**
 - Searching for an Invoice Template
 - Creating Cost Formulas
 - Filling in the Template

Highlighted Resource & Certification

for DC Educators:

[Northstar Digital Literacy
Assessment](#)



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Highlighted Certification

for DC Residents:

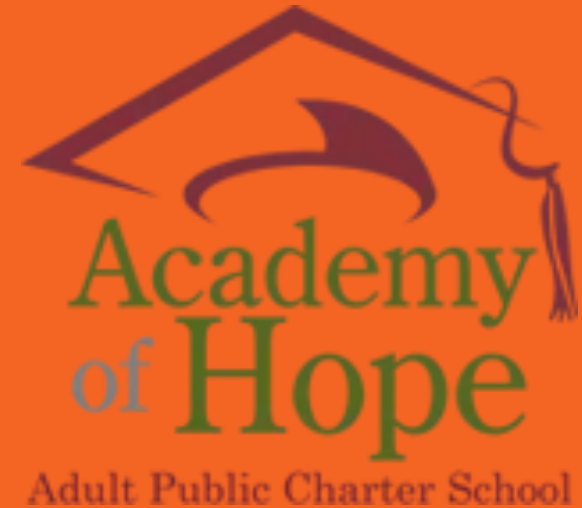
[Certiport's IC3 Digital Literacy
Certification](#)



Highlighted Program

for DC Residents:

[Academy of Hope](#)
[Adult Public Charter School](#)



Top Picks for DC Educators

IT/Business:

[Khan Academy](#)

[Monster.com](#)

[Quizlet](#)

[GCF Learn: Tech](#)

[Business
Communication](#)

OSSE Resources:

[Main Page](#)

[Career Coach DC](#)

[Essential Education](#)

[Virtual Job Shadow](#)

[Northstar DLA](#)

Finance:

[Khan Academy](#)

[SCORE](#)

[LINCS: Financial
Literacy](#)

[A Day at Dollar
General](#)

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