

2022-2025 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grant Awards

Adult Options in Education - Hopkins

Award Amount **\$121,500.00**

Primary Program Contact: [Chelsea Ritland](#)

The target populations who will benefit from the IELCE program activities are: (1) foreign-born adult learners applying for US Citizenship, (2) English Language Learners (ELLs) seeking workforce training, adult literacy skills, and workforce preparation in the West Metro, and (3) Intermediate level EL students receiving civics education. The goals of the IELCE activities proposed are to: 1) provide English language acquisition instruction; 2) offer civics education on the rights and responsibilities of citizens; and 3) offer career training including integrated education and training on in-demand occupations and industries.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide and Community Interpreter, Paraprofessional, Community Interpreter. The environmental services class is an Environmental Services IET in partnership with Methodist Park Nicollet.

Great Rivers Adult Education

Award Amount **\$68,039.00**

Primary Program Contact: [Susan Evans](#)

This grant will allow Great Rivers to serve a larger population of the community and offer opportunities to English Language Learners in the areas of community involvement, college preparation, digital literacy and job skills training in order to further support their personal, educational and career goals. It will also provide them with the opportunity to find ways to use education and training obtained in their country of origin more effectively.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) Associate certification, National Restaurant Association's (NRA) ServSafe® Food Handler certification, Certified Food Protection Manager and accompanying state certification.

Hmong Cultural Center

Award Amount **\$35,000.00**

Primary Program Contact: [Dr. Mark Pfeifer](#)

Hmong Cultural Center will offer a class focusing on Workplace English and Civic Engagement with a training component emphasizing the English needed for Health Care and Personal Care Assistant (PCA) jobs. As part of

the programming, Hmong Cultural Center will partner with the local CareerForce Center to offer workshops and provide guest speakers on developing work readiness skills, job search strategies, and on how to use the state's job search website. Staff will attempt to help match program participants with available openings in health care related fields. Hmong Cultural Center will also partner with the Karen Ministry at First Baptist Church in Saint Paul as part of program outreach to recruit class participants.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

OSHA certificate in Bloodborne Pathogens from the American Red Cross, First Aid/CPR/AED Training Certificate from the American Red Cross and pass the online OHS PCA exam.

International Institute of Minnesota (IIMN)

Award Amount **\$150,000.00** **Primary Program Contact:** [Lynn Thompson](#)

By integrating an English language curriculum with workforce training and job readiness skills, IIMN's New American students can develop their English language proficiency concurrently with industry-specific skills development for the hospitality and healthcare sectors, leading to increased community engagement as well as improved employment and wage outcomes. Finally, funding would allow the English For Work and Hospitality Career Pathway staff to develop and instruct new Hospitality courses that will offer students advanced, focused skills training to improve employment and wage outcomes.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Through a partnership with Metro State, English For Work graduates are awarded three no-cost college credits of lower-division elective credit for meeting Goal 8 of its Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

Literacy Minnesota

Award Amount **\$108,400.00** **Primary Program Contact:** [Kirsten Collins](#)

The Open Door Southside program will serve learners with college and career preparatory English language, grammar, computer skills and a focus on medical careers. This class is funded by Literacy Minnesota, with the objective to prepare students to be successful in the higher-level civics classes and/or to be ready for certification or employment after completion.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Health care and Business

Mankato Area Public Schools

Award Amount **\$148,566.00** **Primary Program Contact:** [Karen Wolters](#)

Mankato Area ABE, a state-approved ABE program serving 6 school districts in south central Minnesota, proposes a comprehensive IELCE program for the three-year grant period. With a strong population of ESL immigrants and refugees, we will continue to work closely with our community partners and local workforce system to provide programming under this grant in English Language Acquisition, credentials and workforce

training preparation, US Citizenship preparation classes that include a student advisory council and real-life civic engagement opportunities.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Multiple Healthcare Pathways, Advanced Manufacturing (Welding, Machining, Mechatronics), Construction (HVAC), Transportation (Auto body, Auto Mechanics), Community Interpreter Certification and ServSafe Food Handler.

Metro North Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Award Amount **\$150,000.00**

Primary Program Contact: [Molly Liberto](#)

This project will support learners to develop their English Language and literacy skills, digital literacy skills, civics knowledge, and job and career readiness skills, and allow for appropriate entry points into career pathway and occupational prep programs.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Food Handler and Food Service (ServSafe®) Manager and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Metro South Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Award Amount **\$ \$47,840.22**

Primary Program Contact: [Kellie McGowan](#)

Metro South Career Pathway courses are designed to integrate English language acquisition, civics, workforce preparation, and workforce training using evidence-based curricula and ongoing assessment of students' skills to inform instruction. They also provide support for job placement directly upon successful completion or students may transition to a short-term credential training or community/tech college degree program.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Nursing Assistant Prep (NA Prep), Medical Terminology (MT), Personal Care Assistant (PCA), Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Permit, Office Support (OS), Community Interpreter Training (CIT)

Minneapolis ABE

Award Amount **\$103,340.00**

Primary Program Contact: [Hope Patterson](#)

MPS-AE has been providing instruction in three defined career pathways over the past year. The current pathways are: Careers in Early Childhood Education, Careers in Healthcare, and Careers in the Trades. This project will allow students from across Minneapolis to gain English and employment/training skills concurrently. Students will also have more opportunities to advance to clearly articulated next steps to earn credentials and certifications.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Child Development Associate

Neighborhood House

Award Amount **\$100,00.00** **Primary Program Contact:** [John Ashby](#)

A grant of \$100,000 will provide funding to offer two daily in-person classes and one online class, serving a total 100 participants annually. These classes will be for students looking for work. A program like this will allow students to enter into employment or progress to more advanced training programs. The classes offered will focus on English language acquisition and citizenship topics, and incorporate a job apprenticeship in customer service and classroom study of English for the workplace. Students in this training will also have the opportunity to participate in a monthly service learning opportunity.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Complete a job apprenticeship that includes participating in a service learning project with either Neighborhood House's Free Food Market, St. Paul Parks and Recreation, or St. Paul Public Libraries. The skills students gain in these apprenticeships will provide an excellent introduction to one of Neighborhood House's onsite career trainings, Public Sector Administration.

Southeast Adult Basic Education (ABE) – Owatonna Public Schools

Award Amount **\$59,560.00** **Primary Program Contact:** [Deb McDermott-Johnson](#)

We will provide sector specific learner labs that scaffold students to the higher levels of learning. These learning labs will include specific skills needed, community guest speakers who represent a sector and volunteers from specific fields who can work with students on background knowledge and career understanding.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Internships in manufacturing, health care and construction trades academies. First Aid and CPR certificates and OSHA certification will be available for those whose sector requires it.

Saint Paul Public Schools

Award Amount **\$85,117** **Primary Program Contact:** [Karen Gerdin](#)

The Information Technology Pathway will provide education, career training, navigation services and wraparound support for EL adults. This two-tiered program will provide digital literacy and advanced technology skills training, along with work experience in entry-level IT positions. This is an exciting and innovative opportunity for SPPS to train more adults from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to work in a field that has been previously untapped by ABE students. Their work experience, professional backgrounds, fluency in other languages and familiarity with other cultures can be valued assets to the industry.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

Google IT Support Professional Certification-Technical Support Fundamentals