

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers

January 12, 2015

Calendar

**Virginia Literacy
Leadership Council (VLLC)
Conference**

February 26-27, 2015

Richmond

**Regional Program
Managers and EL/Civics
Program managers
Meeting**

March 24-25

**Stonewall Jackson Hotel
and Conference Center**

Staunton

WIOA Update

Dr. Susan M. Clair, Director, OAEL

Happy New Year!

In 2015, federal, state, and regional adult education programs and EL/Civics programs will focus on preparing to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Keep in mind that 2015-2016 is a transitional year during which we will prepare for the implementation of the new requirements of WIOA.

It is likely that the 2015-2016 RFP to regional providers will include WIOA adult education and literacy activities such as integrated education and training, workforce preparation activities, and integrated English literacy and civics education. OAEL will be requiring regional adult education and EL/Civics programs to respond as to how they are preparing to implement the new activities in WIOA. The following definitions can be found in WIOA, Title II:

Integrated Education and Training

The term “integrated education and training” means a service approach that provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement.

From my perspective, the two key terms in the definition of integrated education and training are “concurrently” and “contextually.”

Workforce Preparation Activities

The term “workforce preparation activities” means activities, programs, or services designed to help an individual acquire a combination of basic academic skills, critical thinking skills, digital literacy skills, and self-management skills, including competencies in utilizing resources, using information, working with others,

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understanding systems, and obtaining skills necessary for successful transition into and completion of postsecondary education or training or employment.

Regional adult education programs may already be implementing these activities, but if not, the 2015-2016 RFP will be requesting programs to tell us how they are preparing to implement workforce preparation activities. Familiarizing yourself with the definition will make it easier to understand what the RFP will be requesting.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education

The term "integrated English literacy and civics education" means education services provided to English language learners who are adults, including professionals with degrees and credentials in their native countries, that enables such adults to achieve competency in the English language and acquire the basic and more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens in the United States. Such services shall include instruction in literacy and English language acquisition and instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation, and may include workforce training.

The integrated English literacy and civics education definition will be applied to the 2015-2016 EL/Civics continuation RFP.

College and Career Readiness Standards in Action (CCR SIA)

On December 15, 2014, Virginia was notified that we have been selected to participate in the *College and Career Readiness Standards-in-Action* (CCR SIA) project. This is an exciting opportunity to pilot professional development materials designed by experts in standards-based instruction and to focus on regional models for implementing and sustaining standards-based reforms, while we work toward full implementation of the *College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education* in all Virginia adult education programs. We are pleased to be working with dedicated educators from regions 10 and 21 on the CCR SIA project. In addition to George Bailey and

Money Matters

**The following are due by
January 17, 2015:**

**Second quarter
Reimbursement Requests,
Program Income Reports,
SLCA Expenditure Reports,
Local Program Match
Reports**

**And remember, the last
day for technology budget
transfers is February 3, so
please plan accordingly.**

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Hillary Major, the CCR SIA implementation team will include:

- Susan Erno, Region 10 program manager
- Carol Coffey, Region 10 specialist
- Amy Gaidmore, Region 21 instructor
- Laura Gerlach, Region 21 instructor and math expert

The Virginia team will be working with standards coaches Joanne Kantner (English language arts/literacy) and Meesha Brown (mathematics). George Bailey and Hillary Major will be teleconferencing with these coaches in preparation for the implementation team's March trip to Washington, D.C., for the first national, three-day CCR SIA workshop. In the two-year CCR SIA project, 2015 focuses on introducing the CCR SIA materials to pilot participants, planning, and beginning to share materials (potentially modified during the pilot process) with select demonstration sites. In 2016, the focus is on sustaining program and instructional changes and bringing the successful aspects of the CCR SIA model to a wider Virginia audience.

While we anticipate the CCR SIA project will result in valuable materials, approaches, models, and suggestions of use to all Virginia programs, OAEL and VALRC are also working to provide immediate support to regions as they familiarize staff with the CCRS and work to implement them in their programs. In addition to the face-to-face trainings already on offer from the Resource Center, VALRC is working to update facilitated online courses such as Numeracy in Adult Education and Developing Writing Skills in Adults to explicitly incorporate CCRS advances. We are also developing a self-paced online resource with background on the CCRS that we hope will be a useful reference guide, primer for new hires, and informative resource for staff who have been unable to attend one of our more in-depth, application-focused trainings.

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GED® Stats

2014

GED accounts - 21,989

Test takers - 4,176

Completers - 2,312

Passers - 1,444

State pass rate- 62%

National pass rate - 60%

Jan. 1-Jan. 12, 2015

GED accounts - 453

Test takers- 184

Completers - 50

Passers - 28

State pass rate - 56

National pass rate - 60%



I'm in the know!

Knowledge Center is now active as VALRC's learning management system. To log into the VALRC Knowledge Center domain (KC) navigate to:

https://covkc.virginia.gov/valrc/Kview/CustomCodeBehind/Customization/Login/COV_Login.aspx

What is a learning management system? An LMS usually allows for student registration, the delivery and tracking of e-learning courses and content, and testing, the management of instructor-led training classes. Many LMSs manage certifications, virtual classes, and resource allocation (venues, rooms, textbooks, instructors, etc.). It may facilitate learner self-service, self-enrollment, and access to courses. LMSs may also facilitate organization of content from authoring tools, and presentation of this content to students via the LMS.

Knowledge Center does all of these things, and to help you get the most out of your VALRC Knowledge Center experience, VALRC will introduce a help topic with each monthly addition of *First Mondays*. This month's VALRC Knowledge Center topic is **How to Search for a Training Event**.

Navigate to Learning Center. Click Course Catalog to search for course or Certification to search for a certification.





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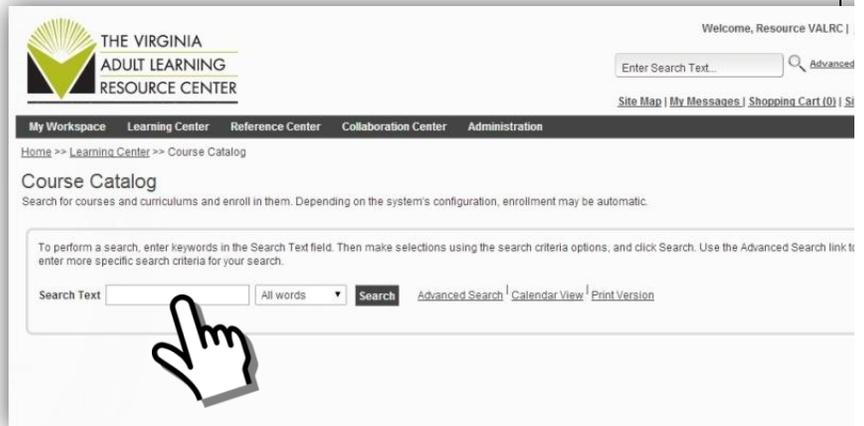
[VALRC](#)

[Online Forum for Virginia's
2014 GED Instructors](#)

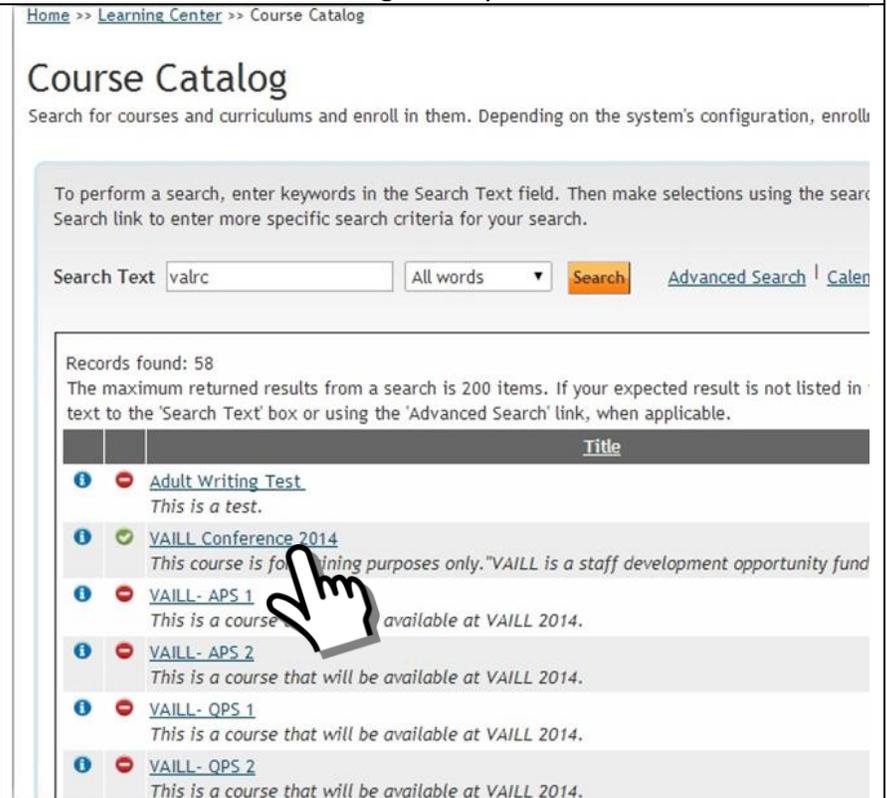
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The simple search allows you to search using keywords or title. All VALRC courses begin with VALRC, so you can type VALRC and then click Search. Click Advanced Search to search using other attributes. You can also try the calendar view if you know when the training is being offered.



Click the name of the training event you are interested in.



You will be prompted to enroll in a section or access the content if it is an online course.

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Please visit the [OAEL Web site](#) for more information about adult education and literacy in Virginia and for news and updates throughout the month.

The screenshot shows the website interface for The Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center. At the top left is the logo and name. On the right, it says 'Welcome, MA' and has a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: My Workspace, Learning Center, Reference Center, Collaboration Center, and Administration. A breadcrumb trail reads: Home >> Learning Center >> Course Catalog >> Classroom Calendar >> Calendar Day View >> VALRC - QPS1 Numeracy, Numb... The main heading is 'VALRC - QPS1 Numeracy, Numbers, and Number Sense'. Below this is a 'Return' button and a course card for 'VALRC - 2014 GED Math Quantitative Problem Solving 1' with a book icon and 'Type: Classroom'. Further down, details for 'VALRC - QPS1 Numeracy, Numbers, and Number Sense' are listed: Section Number: 3, Section Code: 1026120152, Section Dates: 1/16/2015 9:00 AM - 1/16/2015 12:00 PM : 8/25, Cost: \$0.00, Section Format: In-Person, and Cancellation Deadline. An 'Enroll' button is visible with a hand cursor pointing to it.

