

# Illinois Central College Contract Abstract

This contract has been entered into for the purpose of providing a drop-out recovery program for the youth. The contract began on July 1, 2018 and will terminate on June 30, 2019. This contract is renewable for two additional years at the discretion of Career Link. The funding amount is \$27,443. The enrollment goal is 20 students. To participate students must meet the eligibility criteria for out-of-school youth as defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Illinois Central College will provide the intensive education and employment skills program for Peoria and Tazewell County youth. The program will serve students, ages 16-24, that have dropped out of high school, have a deficiency in literacy or numeracy, and are economically disadvantaged, will be provided an opportunity to participate in a GED Recovery Program.

Illinois Central College will provide all four required elements of the program – instruction for GED preparation, for literacy and numeracy gains, for employment related skills and incentives to motivate students to achieve. The College will also partner with other groups and businesses to provide workforce experiences.

All services will be provided through ICC's ICCB-certified Adult Education program. Participants will be required to attend four Career Link Opportunities Program meetings that will focus on career development, job readiness and job search, and transition to successful postsecondary training. Participants will be required to complete six Career Foundations Lessons. The goal of these lessons is to provide technology practice while:

- Teaching students how to balance college, career, and family;
- Encouraging students to see financial benefits of a high school equivalence diploma;
- Identifying personal strengths and weaknesses;
- Discovering the economic benefits to higher education (Income potential of careers);
- Exploring general services offered within the Illinois Central College community; and
- Creating an individualized pathway to success (Set entry-set exit).

Participants will enroll in the regular GED preparation classes offered by the ICC Adult Education program and continue until they complete the GED preparation and make literacy/numeracy gains. They will also participate in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes according to the College schedule. Participants will be required to complete the Career Foundations curriculum. These lessons focus on career exploration, job readiness, time and money management, and job search, plus transition to postsecondary education/training led by the Transition Coordinator in conjunction with the ICC Career Center. They will use Career Cruising and other online resources and assessments to help them select the career pathway that best matches their interests and aptitudes. They will then research their chosen pathway and opportunities available in the area. Other areas of study will be in the employability skills necessary to become a successful employee – punctuality, working in teams, problem-solving skills, ethical behavior, etc., and students will practice proper interviewing skills.