

# **Professional Development Guide**

# **Topic: Integrating Technology**

This LINCS Professional Development Guide for Integrating Technology shares evidence-based professional development opportunities available through the Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) for instructors, program administrators, professional developers, state staff, and more. LINCS is a national leadership initiative of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), which seeks to expand evidence-based practice in adult education.



# **LINCS Community**

The <u>LINCS Community</u> provides adult educators with opportunities to ask questions, learn from peers, share expertise, and attend virtual live events presented by experts in the field. The 13 moderated online Community groups focus on core professional development topics, and the corresponding group for this topic is listed below. Instructions on how to join a group are on each group's home page. Join and subscribe to notifications today!

| Link to Join                  | Target Audience   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Integrating Technology Group* | Adult education practitioners, administrators, policymakers, and others |  |

<sup>\*</sup>A LINCS account is required to join, and to post and reply in discussions. Certificates of attendance are provided for live events.



## **LINCS Courses**

<u>LINCS Courses</u> are evidence-based, self-paced professional development online courses for adult educators. Courses available for this topic, with downloadable certificates of completion, are below

Log in or create an account to take courses.

| Self-Paced Courses Available   | Time      | Target Audience                                 |
|--|-----------|---|
| Build a Lesson with OER  | 3.5–5 hrs | Instructors and others                          |
| Integrating Technology in the Adult Education Classroom                                      |           | Instructors, program administrators, and others |
| LINCS ESL Pro Module 2: Integrating Digital Literacy into Adult English Language Instruction | 2–3 hrs   | Instructors, program administrators, and others |



#### **LINCS Learner Center**

The <u>LINCS Learner Center</u> provides adult learners with free online resources on reading, math, science, English, job skills, citizenship, health, and more. Resources on this particular topic that instructors can share with their adult learners are below.

| Resources to Explore  | Target Audience             |
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| Refer learners to the <u>Get Job Skills</u> section of the Learner Center to help them build their digital literacy skills to find a job or grow their careers. | Adult learners, instructors |



### **LINCS Resource Collection**

The <u>LINCS Resource Collection</u> provides high-quality, evidence-based instructional resources for use by adult educators. Search the collection by category, keyword, or date to generate a list of resources by publication date. For resources on the topic, go to the <u>collection for Integrating Technology</u>. Below are selected resources to get started.

| Selected Resources   | Target Audience   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Building a Digitally Resilient Workforce: Creating On-Ramps to Opportunity               | Program administrators and others   |  |
| Building the Technology Ecosystem for Correctional Education: Brief and Discussion Guide | Program administrators and others   |  |
| IDEAL Distance Education and Blended Learning Handbook, 7th Edition                      | Instructors, program administrators, professional developers, state staff, and others |  |
| Issue Brief: Digital Literacy  | Instructors, program administrators, professional developers, and others              |  |
| Technology-Based Coaching in Adult Education Toolkit                                     | Instructors, program administrators, and others                                       |  |
| Transforming Distance Education Online Course  | Instructors, program administrators, and others                                       |  |



#### **LINCS State Resources**

LINCS offers facilitated <u>technical assistance and professional development opportunities</u> directly to states by request. Monthly "universal" technical assistance webinars also are offered to all state staff and programs on various topics, with recordings available on the <u>LINCS ED YouTube channel</u>. Use <u>the State Technical Assistance Request form</u> to request <u>training</u> on topics below or any topic in the <u>LINCS training catalog</u>.

| State Training Available by Request                               | Time    | Mode                 |
|---|---------|----------------------|
| Integrating Digital Literacy and Problem Solving Into Instruction | 1-3 hrs | Virtual or in person |
| Reboot Your Digital Strategy                                      | 1–3 hrs | Virtual or in person |

## **LINCS Federal Initiatives**

LINCS provides information on <u>federally funded technical assistance initiatives</u> in adult education. The federal initiatives related to this topic are listed below.

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- Digital Literacy Initiatives
- <u>Digital Resilience in the American Workforce (DRAW)</u>
- LINCS ESL Pro: Integrating Digital Literacy into English Language Instruction
- OER STEM Project
- Teaching the Skills That Matter Digital Literacy
- Technology-Based Coaching in Adult Education