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## April 2024 Newsletter



## A Message from the State Director

Greetings from the College and Career Readiness staff at the NCCCSO. I know you are all busy as you prepare for the closeout of the 2023-24 program year. We are already getting excited about our 2024-2025 Fall Convocation! The most exciting news I have to share is the hiring of two Assistant State Directors.

Arbony Cooper has been appointed Assistant State Director of Monitoring and Compliance for NC WIOA Title II. Arbony started at the NCCCSO in March of 2017. Many of you already know Arbony as she has the designation of having the longest tenure at the system office in our department. Prior to coming to here, she was a program manager for Telamon Corporation. Arbony began her new role April 1, 2024.



Rebecca Loli has been appointed Assistant State Director for Programs and Partner Engagement for NC WIOA Title II. She is currently Director of Transitional Studies at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Prior to serving in various roles in Transitional Studies, she was director of adult education and the Augustine Project at Literacy Council of Buncombe County (currently Literacy Together). Rebecca begins her new role at the system office June 3, 2024.

Please join me in congratulating Arbony and Rebecca!

Sandra Thompson
Associate Vice President of CCR &
Title II State Director

## 80 North Carolinians Attended COABE 2024 in Nashville, TN

Eighty North Carolina College & Career Readiness faculty and staff members attended the annual COABE Conference in Nashville Tennessee on March 17 - 20. Adult educators from twenty-two colleges and two community based organizations represented North Carolina in Nashville!

During the COABE convening, instructors and directors from AB Technical CC, Beaufort County CC, Caldwell CC&TI, Central Carolina CC, Davidson-Davie CC, Durham Literacy Center, Lenoir CC, Mayland CC, Southwestern CC, Wake Technical CC, and the NCCC System Office all delivered presentations showcasing the outstanding work being done in North Carolina!

It is incredibly exciting to see the commitment to and investment in professional development that our providers are making.

Stay tuned for our upcoming *The Best of COABE in Nashville* webinar series featuring presentations from many of the eighty COABE attendees. During this series, we will attempt to share all of the best instructional practices gleaned from the 2024 conference. Webinar details and registration links will be available on the **College & Career Readiness Professional Development Calendar.**



## Podcast Representation

On March 25th Jen Mock, CCR director at Alamance CC, sat down with Quinn and Daniel of *The Hometown Holler* to discuss the best–kept secret: Adult Education. Click on the logo to listen to the 35 minute podcast episode.

## AB Tech's Kristin Erhard Selected as the
## 2024 NC State Advocate for Adult Education Fellow

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# Professional Development Updates

## Webinars and Events

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**MAY**

- 05/16/24: NDO Session 3 – Performance & Monitoring
- 05/20/24: Developmental Education Professional Development Day (Isothermal CC)

**JUNE**

- 06/06/24: NDO Session Four – CCR Programs & Initiatives
- 06/12/24: Adult Ed Advising Academy at ASU's Hickory Campus
- 06/20/24: CP Session 9 – Teaching Strategies for Contextualizing IETs

**JULY**

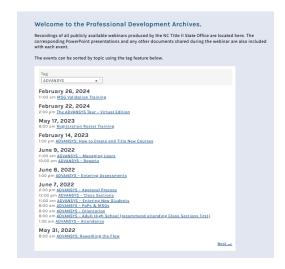- 07/22–07/24/24: IIPS Summer Conference (Hilton University Place, Charlotte NC)

**AUGUST**

- 08/22/24: Best Instructional Practices from COABE Nashville – Session 1
- 08/15/24: NDO Session One – Title II Director Responsibilities
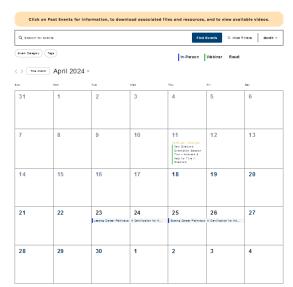
**SEPTEMBER**

- 09/18–09/19/24: 2024–2025 PY Convocation (Guilford Tech CC)
- 09/26/24: Best Instructional Practices from COABE Nashville – Session 2
- 09/26/24: NDO Session Two – Answers & Help for Title II Directors



Click on the above image to access our robust database of publicly available recorded webinars from 2020 to present day, available on-demand.



Click on the calendar image above to access event information and registration links on the CCR Professional Development  Calendar.

## Program Performance & Operations Updates

May 22, 2024 is the one-year anniversary of all Title II providers utilizing ADVANSYS! What a journey it has been!

***NCCC College & Career Readiness Assessment Manual 2023–2024 (page 5)*** REMINDER

Providers are required to submit data electronically using ADVANSYS. All data, including demographics, attendance, and assessments, must be entered at least once per week, and approved within a week of entry.
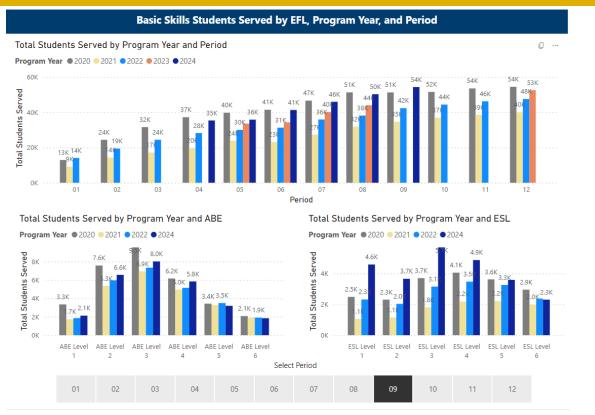
All Title II-funded programs are required to complete the following actions into ADVANSYS on a weekly basis:

1. Enter and approve student registrations
2. Update and approve student demographic profiles (*as needed*)
3. Enter and approve student test scores
4. Enter and approve student attendance
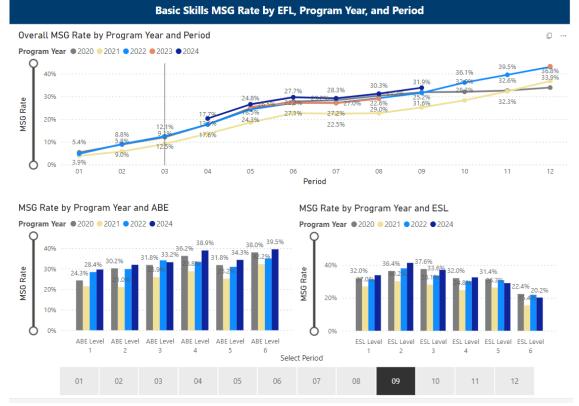5. Enter and approve student outcomes

Data must be collected for all eligible students receiving services provided by Title II AEFLA funds. This includes individuals in either the Reportable or Participant classification. **Until data is approved, it will not appear in Colleague (attendance hours for FTE) or on federal reports in ADVANSYS.**

- CCR 2023-2024 PY data through Period 9 (July 1 – March 31) is now available in Power BI for providers to review. Please remember Power BI is your official source of record for state and federal performance funding.
- Program Performance & Operations will be offering sessions on data management and reporting during the following conferences: *IIPS Summer Conference* in July (**07/22-07/24**), *CCR Convocation* in September (**09/18-09/19**), and the *NCCCS System Office Conference* in October (**10/13-10/15**).

# Enrollment & MSGs



**CCR Enrollment for Period 2024_9 is 3,000 students greater than where we were before the pandemic. Congratulations. Your hard work and efforts are paying off!**

**Basic Skills MSG Rate by EFL, Program Year, and Period**

Overall MSG Rate by Program Year and Period

Program Year ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023 ● 2024

MSG Rate by Program Year and ABE

MSG Rate by Program Year and ESL

**The statewide MSG rate of 33.8% for Period 2024_9 is higher than in any previous Period 9 program year! Keep up the great work to reach our target of 43.6%!**

# Career Pathways Updates

## Successful Regional IET Workshops Held Across North Carolina

submitted by Matthew Brown

Regional IET workshops took place on April 9 at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory and April 11 at Lenoir Community College in Kinston. A total of over seventy CCR team members participated in the workshops.

The workshops, led by Lindsay Tipton and Matthew Brown, guided Title II Directors, Coordinators, and IET partners through the comprehensive process of building a Career Pathway and an IET.





The hands-on sessions covered essential stages, from conducting regional scans to addressing workforce needs to the detailed planning of scheduling and logistics.

Participants created draft physical maps of a Career Pathway for their school and left the workshop with tangible plans ready for implementation. The events were designed to educate and empower educators and coordinators to develop effective and sustainable IET frameworks tailored to the needs of their regions.

# IELCE Updates

*Mapping Success:*
*How Interviews are the GPS of Student Orientation*
**by Matthew Brown**

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# Compliance Corner

The deadline for the 2024-25 Title II Continuation Grants was Friday, March 1, 2024. All submissions were received on time and have been thoroughly reviewed by the State Office CCR Team. We are pleased to announce that a total of 69 providers have been approved for continued Title II funding for the 2024-25 program year.

We appreciate the dedication and effort that went into preparing the Continuation Grant Application, and we believe that the continued support and innovative adult education practices will have a significant impact on program participants. If there are any inquiries regarding your agency's Continuation Grant, please feel free to contact Arbony Cooper at coopera@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

# HSE Office/CCR Assessment Updates

On March 18, OCTAE announced that NRS approval for all of the ESL assessments that were scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024 would be extended for one year. The impacted assessments include **BEST Literacy, BEST Plus 2.0, CASAS Life and Work,** and **TABE CLAS-E Forms A/B**. The *new NRS expiration date* for these assessments will be *June 30, 2025*.

At the state level, North Carolina has chosen to extend the use of these assessments until the new 2025 expiration date. The CCR Assessment Office has submitted a revised assessment policy that will allow NC providers to take the extension if they so choose. The updated policy is under review by OCTAE and an announcement will be made when OCTAE has issued an approval decision.

Please keep in mind...

- Providers are still permitted to use the new ESL assessments that were approved for this year (BEST Literacy 2.0, BEST Plus 3.0, and CASAS STEPS); this announcement does not affect their approval.
- This announcement does not include an extension for CASAS Math GOALS. This assessment will *still* **expire on June 30, 2024** with the expectation that Math GOALS 2 will be used in its place moving forward.

A link to the updated Federal Register is provided **here**. Please reach out to **Jenifer Bean** (**beanj@nccommunitycolleges.edu**) with any questions about this.

# Resources and Reminders

Each NC Title II program has a NorthStar Digital Literacy account with unlimited assessments. Contact **Daniel Loges,** at **logesd@nccommunitycolleges.edu,** if you need help accessing your NorthStar account.

Each NC IELCE program has access to BurlingtonEnglish seats. The goal of the BurlingtonEnglish state purchase is to provide IELCE programs a resource to implement more distance learning options for their students. Contact **Daniel Loges**, at **logesd@nccommunitycolleges.edu**, if you need assistance with BurlingtonEnglish seats.

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