The new *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) places a priority on workforce, civic, and academic readiness at all levels and sectors of instruction, including adult English language acquisition programs. WIOA spells out a set of overarching program goals, including a greater emphasis on college- and career-preparation, technology integration in instruction, and cooperation and joint programming with employment training providers.

In this WIOA landscape, ESOL programs need to not only help learners develop competence in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension, but also develop the skills they will need as they work toward their goals of further education and better employment.

The key federal documents that detail how programs are to achieve these goals are the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) and the new English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards. Additionally, WIOA continues to provide funding for programs to expand the integration of English language and civics instruction.
Future

**Future: English for Results** is a six-level, multi-skill course correlated to state and national standards. It helps students acquire essential language and 21st-century soft skills and equips them with core competencies to read, write, and speak in English, think critically, and solve problems in order to succeed in a career, post-secondary training, in family life, and in the society.

**Future’s** curriculum develops workforce readiness to help learners build skills for employability and career advancement.

- Two units in each level focus specifically on getting and keeping a job.
- Life skill lessons focus on functional language, practical skills, understanding authentic print materials, and developing workplace document literacy.
- Problem-solving and critical thinking activities develop analytical skills.
- Many group work and communicative activities develop efficient communication and collaboration skills.
- Career cluster supplements provide language content for five top employment industries.

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Future integrates English literacy and civics education to help learners become proficient speakers and informed participants in the society.

- Engaging activities develop learners’ civic literacy and encourage community participation.
- Online videos and activities offer opportunities for learners to develop their computer skills.
- Financial literacy and numeracy practice helps learners understand financial systems.
- Health literacy activities help learners understand and process basic health information and communicate with health providers.

Future’s curriculum grows with your students and supports their transition into further education and career training.

- New CCRS Reading Worksheets require learners to read complex texts, cite evidence, and build knowledge in order to develop essential skills necessary for academic and career readiness.
- Readings help learners develop visual literacy by presenting information in infographics, charts, and graphs.
- New CCRS Writing Worksheets focus on analyzing sources, gathering evidence, and conducting research and lead learners to write well-organized paragraphs, essays, and narratives.