

PROMISING PRACTICES

Integrating Career Development in the Classroom

At [CCPI](#), we've been thinking a lot about career development in the classroom - and we aren't the only ones. More and more workforce, youth career training and first-year college programs have contacted us about delivering integrated career development workshops, especially with the implementation of the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) (WIOA).

In response, we have created several new professional development workshops that focus on career development, including [Incorporating Career Development into the Classroom](#), [Building a College and Career Going Culture](#), and [Contextualized Instruction for Career Pathways](#). In each workshop, we share our research and evidence-based practices and give participants hands-on learning opportunities to apply the tools we've developed at LaGuardia in their own work.



Our workshops focus on contextualizing basic skills lessons while building career awareness. For example, modeled math lessons explore the connection between career salaries and college majors requiring students to develop academic skills, do calculations, and make projections, graphs, and charts. Reading and writing lessons also identify students' values and skills that inform their career decision making. After attending, one participant wrote:

"The whole training was insightful and, as a result of attending, I will apply more hands-on activities with students and incorporate more college and career combined lesson plans."

Our career development workshops also train participants to incorporate career development into the design of their programs and instill a career and college going culture from day 1. Advisors and transition counselors also learn to choose best fit training programs for their students' next steps. Every program staff member has an active role in supporting effective transitions.

Check out our Tool Box section below to take advantage of our "True Colors" career development resource!