

Using the Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards & Curriculum Guide to Write or Revise Curricula

What are the mandatory components of the ABE/ASE curriculum?

At a minimum, your curriculum must include the following for each NRS level in your program:

- corresponding Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards (include content area, NRS level, domain and content standard number)
- corresponding essential understandings and essential questions
- student objectives (what students will be able to do – mastery)
- evidence for assessing learning
- sample classroom activities and/or lesson plans
- student learning activities
- a list of instructional materials (core and supplemental)
- a list of technology resources

Should there be a one-to-one correspondence between the levels in our program and the NRS levels and/or the Illinois ABE/ASE Content Standards levels?

Not necessarily, but your curriculum must cover the NRS levels that are addressed in your program's continuation plan.

Must all of the ABE/ASE Content Standards appear in our curriculum?

Yes. Please refer to your program's continuation plan as to which NRS levels must be addressed.

Can we re-word the ABE/ASE Content Standards and/or change the coding (i.e., 1.R.VA.3, 1.G.5)?

No. The Content Standards' wording and code must be included in all curricula so that they will be recognized as such by evaluators.

Can we use a different template for the curriculum?

Yes. You may use any format you wish to organize and present your curriculum as long as the mandatory components are included.