

# **The Profile of a Lifelong Learner**

**Digital skills adults need to thrive in the future of work**

**SKILLRISE**

AN ISTE INITIATIVE

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# Introduction

# Welcome to SkillRise

*Objective = Help adult learners in low-wage jobs, including front-end retail, advance their careers through education.*

## → Impacts

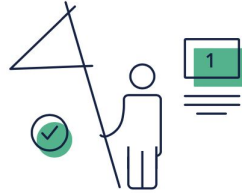
- ◆ Produce practical guidance about edtech for adult learning, including thought leadership, articles, and podcasts
- ◆ Provide technical assistance to adult learning organizations
- ◆ Lead innovative learning experiences for practitioners in workforce development, adult basic education, and community college education
- ◆ Advance a vision for adult learning that is ready for the future of work

# SkillRise Resources



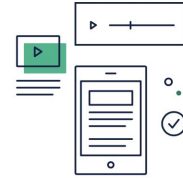
## Edtech Framework

The SkillRise Framework helps adult learning orgs., workforce development orgs., and employers understand and plan how to leverage technology to improve their education and training programs.



## Course + TA Coaching

Grounded in the Framework, the SkillRise Course walks educators through the process of developing and implementing a sustainable vision for adult and workforce learning with edtech.



## Media + Supports

SkillRise offers two blog series, the *Upskill with Edtech* podcast, and Community of Practice resources - all of which support the needs and interests of digital-age adult learning and workforce development practitioners.

# The ISTE vision and adult learning

*ISTE's vision* is that all educators are empowered to harness technology to accelerate innovation in teaching and learning, and inspire learners to reach their greatest potential.

**Learning should happen across a lifetime.**  
**Technology is essential for learning today.**



# The Future of Work is now



Without essential skills, adult learners will be left behind - *some more than others.*

The COVID pandemic has accelerated the need for learners to *be adaptable and resilient in work, learning, and life.*

The Profile meets this need with a ***future-ready vision for adult learning and work.***



## Profile of a Lifelong Learner

# The Profile of a Lifelong Learner

*The Profile of a Lifelong Learner defines the digital skills and dispositions that adult learners need to be competitive in the future of work.*





# Lifelong Learner

***Lifelong Learners access, analyze, and apply digital resources in order to build knowledge, advance their careers, and experience the best life possible.***

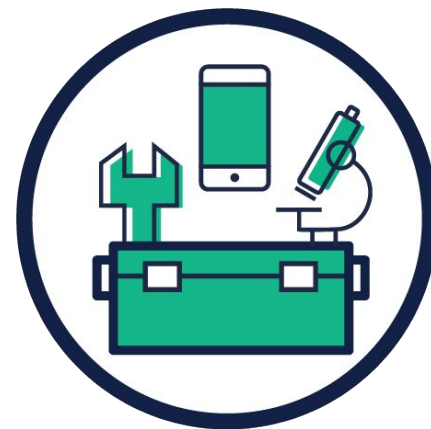
- Individualized learning goals
- Information fluency
- Meet tech challenges



# Empowered Worker

***Empowered Workers persevere through challenges, shape career paths in alignment with personal interests and goals, and upskill to be successful in a digital-age workforce.***

- Digitally-supported career awareness
- Adaptable self-advocacy
- Work/home/community life balance



# Digital Citizen

***Digital Citizens are inclusive, equitable, and culturally aware as they live, learn, and work in an interconnected world.***

- Socially aware digital use
- Empathetic inclusivity
- Actively anti-racist and equitable



# Solution Seeker

***Solution Seekers use technology to explore independent perspectives, amplify creative thinking, and develop smart solutions to practical problems in work and life.***

- Curious, flexible thinking
- Perseverance through challenges
- Digitally-enabled equitable solutions



# Mindful Colleague

***Mindful Colleagues employ situational awareness and a collaborative team approach to effectively communicate, learn from, and work with diverse colleagues in digital and face-to-face environments.***

- Situational awareness
- Skilled digital communication
- Ethical advocacy for success

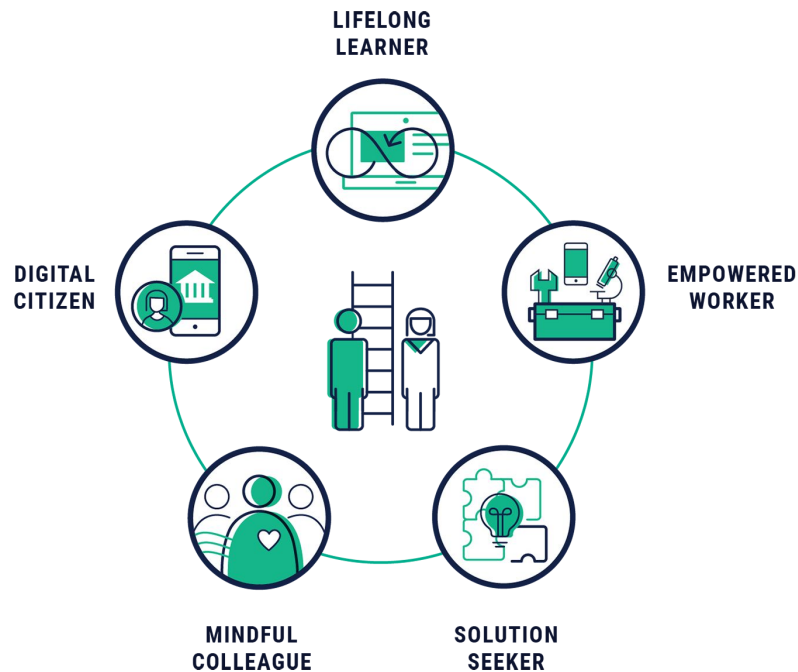


# Looking ahead

We are looking to support and partner with organizations around edtech, digital literacy, and a future-ready vision for learning and work.

- Coaching + course for edtech
- Media, policy & planning resources
- Adoption support and coaching
- Peer networking and learning

Let's talk about equitable upskilling, digital skills, and economic recovery!



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