The Profile of a Lifelong Learner

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

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.

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 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 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!
Thank you for helping us prepare for the future of work.

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