



Spotlight:

**Multilingual Approaches in
Illinois Adult Education**

What are multilingual approaches?

Multilingual approaches are programmatic and instructional strategies to **supplement**—not **replace**—English instruction. These approaches...

- Recognize and use adults' varied linguistic backgrounds to support English language acquisition
- Help adults use **prior knowledge** and **experience** to accelerate language learning
- Can be used in **ELA, IELCE, Bridge,** and **ICAPS** classes to enhance English acquisition and prepare for bilingual career pathways



Spotlight:

**A Program Serving Students
Who Share One Language
Background**

Pui Tak Center



培德中心
Pui Tak Center

Offers an **ICAPS in Foodservice Management** for Chinese-speaking students already working in food service.

- **Collaborative Teaching:** 75% of class time with an English instructor and 25% with Cantonese and Mandarin-speaking vocational instructors
- **Translation:** Pui Tak staff translated study materials and credential exam with permission from the certification company
- **Credential Exam:** offered in Chinese
- **Outcome:** 70% of enrolled students have received the industry-recognized Master Certified Foodservice Professional credential, allowing them to advance their careers or start their own business



Spotlight:

**Programs Serving Students
with Multiple Language
Backgrounds**

Trellus



Uses AI translation and audio to develop **multilingual videos** to support students from 30+ language backgrounds along their educational journey.

- **Completed:** Instructors developed video scripts for topics such as orientation and classroom etiquette
- **In Progress:** Multilingual videos to introduce Bridge and ICAPS classes, as well as other continuing education options
- **Goal:** Students will be informed and empowered to ask questions about opportunities beyond English classes

Sample Video from Trellus



Believes that a student's language level should never be a barrier to accessing education.

- **Identify Shared Core Languages:** Gather data on students' first, second, and third languages (of over 50 languages) and use this information to identify commonly shared languages for interpretation
- **Interpretation and Translation:** Focus on shared core languages for recruitment, registration, and enrollment, as well as support for digital literacy, success coach mentoring, and targeted industry-specific content
- **Outcome:** Significant increases in MSGs for English learners completing World Relief's bridge programming



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