Advanced Career Essentials
ACE
Background Information

- Lenoir, Jones, and Green counties
- Basic Skills plus was approved in 2010
- Students earn High School Equivalency Credential, Occupational Extension Credential, and Career Readiness Certificate
PROBLEM

Students
• Students are not completing program
• Engagement is low
• Accountability
• Advising
• Support

Staff
• Professional Development
• Support
• Empowerment
• Vision
ACE

- Career Readiness
- High School Equivalency
- Entry Level work Credential
High School Equivalency
Pharmacy Technician
Career Readiness Certificate

Success!

ACE Includes:

- Foundations
- Soft Skills Development
- Digital Literacy
- Leadership Project
Successful Student Experiences

- Immersion in contextualized instruction
- Leadership Opportunities
- Minority Male Mentoring
- Job ready approach
Contextualized Instruction

Cohort Instructors

Experts from Healthcare, Culinary, Trades, and Horticulture were included in professional development series.
Social Emotional Learning

- Create safe learning environments.
- Research and seek to identify barriers
- Understand the community and lives of students outside of school
- Create opportunities for student to share knowledge and experiences
The ACE Model has increased graduation rates from 15 percent to 35 percent. The comprehensive flow of the program is effective in keeping students engaged and on the way to graduation.
## Results from 2017 and 2018 Cohorts

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- High School Equivalency Completion = 35.70%
- Career Readiness Certificate Completion = 28.60%
- Entry Level Credential Completion = 78.60%
The real difficulty is to overcome how you think about yourself.

Maya Angelou

LaWhimsy//Monday Mantra

Reflection

- Emotional Intelligence
- Adaptation
- Ethics
- Engagement
- Learning
- Growth
- Discovery
- Relationship Building
- Model