

Academic and Career Readiness Skills (ACReS)

OBJECTIVE

To engage migrant youth in an academic course for developing or improving both the critical thinking and life skills that will allow them to be successful in a formal educational environment or advance in their careers.

TOPICS

UNIT 1 – Read, Write, Now (Basic Literacy)

- Parts of speech
- Dictionary use
- Prefixes, suffixes, and roots
- Verb tenses
- Antonyms, synonyms, homonyms

UNIT 2 – Basic Math Review

- Working with place value; integers and absolute value
- Addition and subtraction with integers
- Multiplication and division
- Factors and multiples
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percents

UNIT 3 – Reading for Fun and Understanding

- The news and you
- Signs and posters
- Magazines
- Functional texts
- Literature
- Humor

UNIT 4 – Financial Literacy

- What is a budget?
- Bank accounts
- Credit, debit and ATM cards
- Money orders
- Loans
- Installment buying

UNIT 5 – Life Skills

- Official documents
- Driving responsibilities
- Understanding health issues
- Finding work
- Finding housing
- Communicating with others

UNIT 6 – Education: Pathway to Success

- Education and jobs
- High school
- The GED
- Post-secondary education
- Paying for college and training
- Study skills and test strategies