



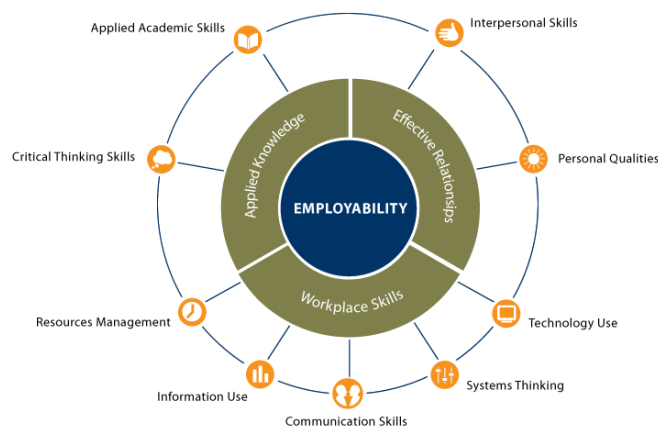
## Continuing Support for States' Employability Standards in Career and Technical Education and Adult Education (ED-VAE-10-O-0102)

### Background

Employability skills, along with academic and technical skills, are an essential component of college and career readiness. They are the general skills, including applied academics, effective relationships, and workplace skills, that are necessary for success in the labor market – for all industries and at all career levels. To ensure that all learners (youth and adults) are college and career ready, key education and workforce development stakeholders as well as employers are in general agreement that employees must possess three types of skills: academic, technical, and employability.

### Overview

The U. S. Department of Education has awarded a contract to RTI International to address the need for a common list of employability skills and the means by which to assess them. Funded by the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, the Employability Skills Framework is a website that includes an interactive skills framework, a list of criteria for selecting an employability skills assessment, a customizable assessment comparison worksheet, and innovative examples of state, local, and employer-led employability skills initiatives.



Resources and Tools You Can Use: <http://cte.ed.gov/employabilityskills/>

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