ALFI Principles

An Adult Learning Focused Institution (ALFI) excels in these ways:

**Outreach**

Conducts its outreach to adult learners by overcoming barriers in time, place, and tradition in order to create lifelong access to educational opportunities.

**Life & Career Planning**

Addresses adult learners' life and career goals before or at the onset of enrollment in order to assess and align its capacities to help learners reach their goals.

**Financing**

Promotes choice using an array of payment options for adult learners in order to expand equity and financial flexibility.

**Assessment of Learning Outcomes**

Defines and assesses the knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired by adult learners—both from the curriculum and from life and work experience—in order to assign credit and confer degrees with rigor.

**Teaching-Learning Process**

Faculty uses multiple methods of instruction (including experiential and problem-based methods) for adult learners in order to connect curricular concepts to useful knowledge and skills.

**Student Support Systems**

Assists adult learners using comprehensive academic and student support systems in order to enhance students' capacities to become self-directed, lifelong learners.

**Technology**

Uses technology to provide relevant and timely information and to enhance the learning experience.

**Strategic Partnerships**

Engages in strategic relationships, partnerships, and collaborations with employers and other organizations in order to develop and improve educational opportunities for adult learners.

**Transitions**

Supports guided pathways that lead into and from the institution's programs and services in order to ensure that students' learning will apply usefully to achieving their educational and career goals.