



**Bridges to Career Opportunities  
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**Best Practices in Sector-Based Adult  
Education: Setting the Stage**

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# Setting the Stage

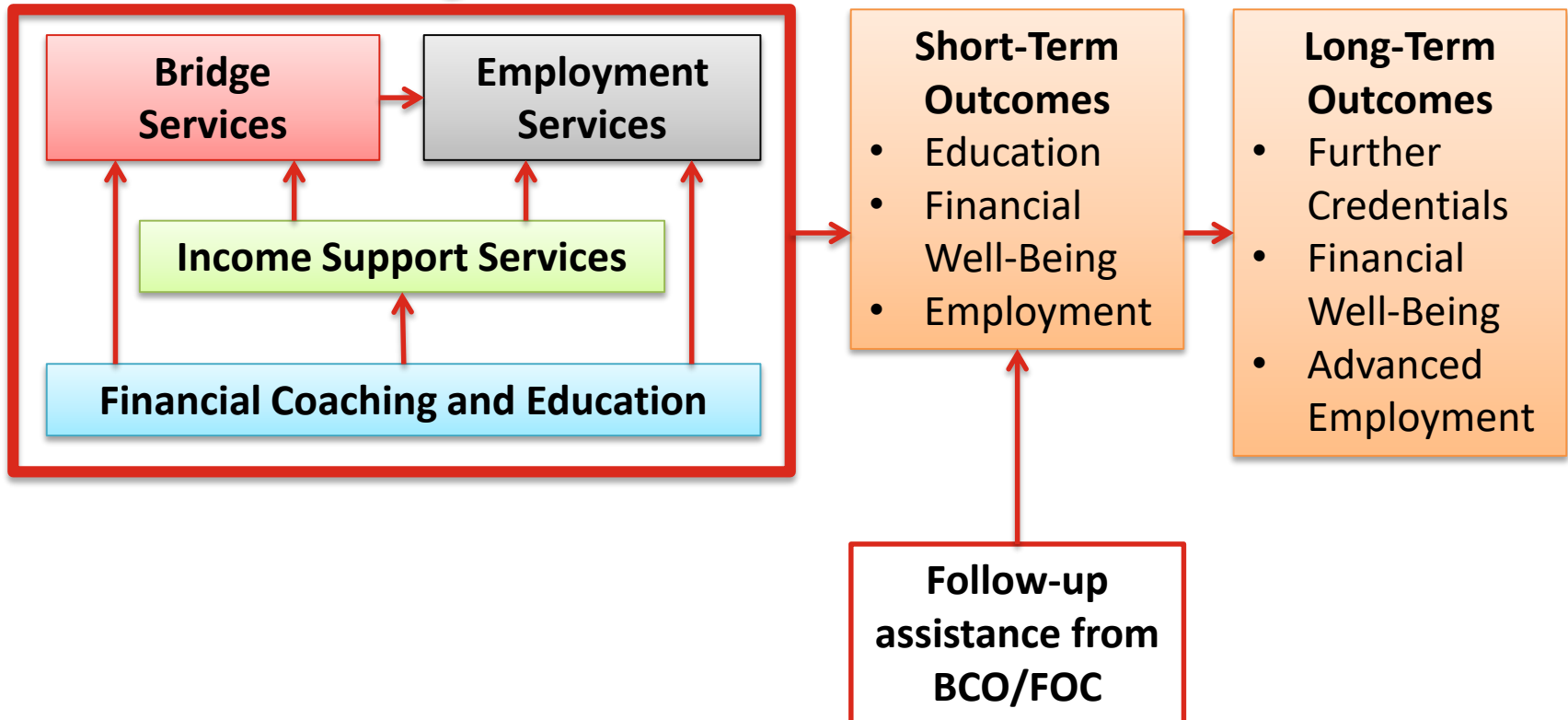


- Bridges to Career Opportunities (BCO) Core Services
- Components of Bridge Services
- Approaches to Contextualized Bridge Models

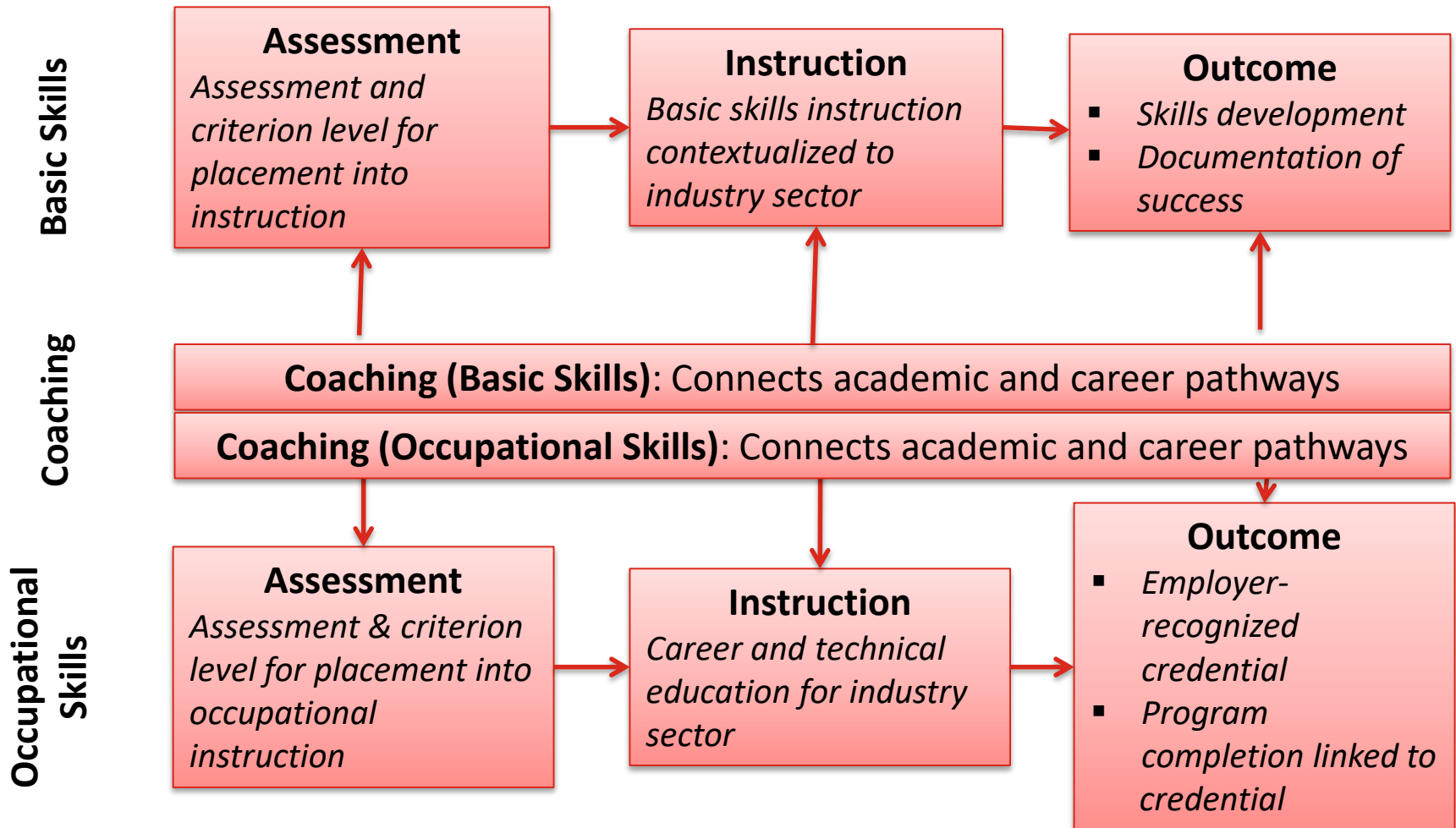
# BCO Model



## BCO Program



# BCO Bridge Services



# Bridge Component Activities



## **1. Instruction is designed to:**

**a. Address an explicit career pathway in a growth sector or industry**

**b. Include an academic pathway that accompanies the career pathway**

**c. Teach basic skills that boost math, reading, English, and/or digital literacy:**

- **to the level clients need to access community college, vocational training, or other credentialing programs**
- **that are contextualized to a specific sector/industry or career path and prepares clients for occupational skills training and “middle-skills” jobs**

# Bridge Component



**d. Based on an industry-specific curriculum that is aligned with a career pathway**

**e. Enable clients to attain “industry-recognized” credentials that lead to postsecondary credential or degree**

**f. Have a measurable endpoint (e.g., skill gain, placement test score for next educational program, credential) or clearly defined completion criteria**

# Bridge Component



## 2. Assessment

a. Is used to determine client participation and involves the specification of criterion levels on skills assessments or “clearly defined entry criteria”

b. Involves the administration of pre-and post-test skills assessments to clients

## 3. Career Coaching

a. Is provided on an ongoing basis during instruction

b. Connects the academic & career pathways for clients

# Contextualized Instruction



- An instructional approach that creates the explicit connections between the teaching of reading, writing, or math on one hand, and instruction in a discipline area on the other
- Integrates reading, math, writing, and language skills and industry and occupation knowledge

