Credit for Prior Learning – Moving the Needle

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CPL Convergence in CCCs

Various CCC projects looking for ways to uncover CPL opportunities

Veterans and military students (AB 2462)
- Bachelor’s Degree Pilot
- Nursing and military students (SB 466)
- Workforce and Career/Technical (Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy)
- Online process to connect students with CPL opportunities (Online Education Initiative)
CPL Workgroups, Reports, & Advisories

• CPL Workgroup
  – Formed during Spring 2016
  – CCCCCO, ASCCCC, Colleges, Faculty Advisory Committees, CACCRAO, Financial Aid, Statewide Initiatives

• Report of Survey Findings

• Chancellor’s Office Advisory on Awarding Credit for Prior Learning: AB 2462 (Military Experience)
Leadership from ASCCC

- Leverage prior work (2014)
- ASCCC participation on Workforce and OEI steering committees
- Need active consultation and collaboration of faculty leadership
- ASCCC expertise and leadership helps ensure success and participation
Methods to Assess Prior Learning

- Military Credit
- Training Credit
- Credit by Exam
- Portfolio Credit
Military CPL
CCCO Survey – March 2016
CCCNO College Survey

• 113 colleges surveyed
• 3 surveys conducted Nov 2014 to Mar 2016
• 96 colleges participated
• 102 unduplicated courses reported
• Units of Credit Awarded: 0.5 to 10
• Top 3 Reported
  – Physical Education
  – Administration of Justice
  – Information Technology
Courses Frequently Reported Among C-ID, SOC, and TOP Codes

- Administration of Justice
- Business and Management
- Information Technology
Saddleback College’s Project – Veterans Credit Articulation Track (V-CAT)

- Types of Military Learning identified by their pilot:

  1. Regionally Accredited Courses
  2. Non-Collegiate Setting Courses
  3. Non-Collegiate Setting (Occupations/Experiences)
Goals of the Project

1. Minimize CTE and Transfer Pathways for Veterans to Maximize Use of VA Benefits in the Public CA Systems
2. Increase Intersegmental Dialog and Collaboration
3. Enhance Understanding of DoD Training and Experiences by IHLs and Workforce
4. Enhance Understanding of ACE
5. Building Trust Across Sectors
Initial Findings – Crypto Linguistics

- 5,000 Crypto-Linguists in Next 5 Years
- 12 Units and Area C2 Earned
- 5,000 Semesters = $2.7M in GI Bill Funds and
- $44M in Basic Allowance for Housing Retained
- 60,000 Redundant Units Saved
- $10.8M in Apportionment Funds
- Increase in Completion Time and
- Transfers/Completers

Total Savings = $57.8 million
Using the Joint Services Transcript

• The Joint Services Transcript (JST) provides a description of military schooling and work history in civilian language. It serves as a counseling tool for academic and career counselors in advising service members and veterans. It serves as an aid in preparing resumes and explaining Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard and Navy work experience to civilian employers. It also saves time and money by awarding academic credits, which means less tuition to pay and less time spent in the classroom.

• The JST is accepted by more than 2,300 colleges and universities, but is only released to the student and has to be send to the college by the student veteran.
System Updates
CCCO CPL Advisory Group

• Convening of stakeholders under a grant from Lumina.
• Three in-person meetings to create suggested revisions to Title 5 language around credit by exam and credit for prior learning, to discuss recommendations for colleges in terms of procedures and policies, and to create a potential pilot involving colleges and disciplines.
Disciplines Within the Pilot

The pilot will result in cross-walks in a total of seven (7) disciplines that can be shared with statewide faculty and used for multiple students with the same training credentials, and a model process that can be applied by faculty across disciplines. The disciplines are:

- Administration of justice
- Automotive technology
- Business administration and management
- Cybersecurity
- Fire science
- Health
- Information Technology
Title 5 Language Changes

• Approved at the September Board of Governors Meeting
• § 55050 Credit by Examination Credit for Prior Learning
• Guidance memorandum from CCCCO coming soon
• Allows for expansion of credit granted by colleges through means other than coursework
• Language specifically mentions credit by exam, portfolio review, credit for prior learning
• All of these are to be done at no cost to the student (other than credit-by-exam)
Saddleback/Palomar Convening

• 90+ faculty from the California community colleges, as well as California State University and University of California convened

• Met with representatives from ACE to examine offering college course credit for select military training.

• At the end of the day, 88 courses were articulated to CCs and CSU GE

• Will save veterans and taxpayers over $25M a year in wasted expenses for redundant curriculum.
Thank you!

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