

Proposal: Develop a Regional CPL Workgroup

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What is Credit for Prior Learning?

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is college credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom. Students' knowledge and skills might be gained through experiences such as:

- Military training
- Industry training and certification
- State/federal government training
- Volunteer and civic activities
- Apprenticeships, internships, work-based learning, or other industry-based experiential learning

"Credit for Prior Learning: Leveraging Past Learning to Close Present-Day Equity Gaps"

- Most Californians who could benefit from CPL are people of color
- Validates learning that has occurred
- Saves money and time
- Increases employer partnerships
- Aligns with Guided Pathways



Palomar Pilot: CCCCCO CPL Initiative 2019/2020

Institutionalizing CPL

- Engage stakeholders - faculty, student services, admin and Articulation Officer
- CPL AP and BP Policies
- Faculty CPL Coordinator with release time
- Report to Faculty Senate and Curriculum
- Align CPL with Guided Pathway Pillars
- Transcribing CPL
- Statewide partnerships CCCCCO

Faculty Champions

- 35 disciplines with 150+ CPL eligible courses
- CPL Course Crosswalk Inventory sheet
- Professional development

Counselors

- CPL first point of contact for students
- CPL knowledge and guidance
- CPL transfer expertise

Student Experience

- CPL Student Intake Survey
- CPL website and course list
- Electronic CPL Approval Process Form

Current Resources Available

[Palomar College Website](#)

[CCCCO and Success Center Toolkit](#)

[CCCCO Guidance System-wide Memo](#)

[CPL Lunch and Learn Series](#)

Why a Regional Approach?

- Support the work of each campus
- Create a community of practice
- Build coordinated capacity regionally among discipline faculty
- Allow for sharing of local processes and results
- Align to the career education student roadmap
- Reduce risk of experimentation and missteps

Role of a New Regional CPL Workgroup

Develop regional support for local CPL development

- Identify who could lead the work at each campus
- Ensure our students have similar experiences at each campus

Identify resources for colleges implementing CPL

- Regional repository of resources
- Info for students & partners on careered.org
- Databases (CPL approved courses, industry certifications, military articulations)
- Potential RFAs to support design & implementation

Provide professional development

- San Diego CAEL conference
- Understanding your CPL Policies and Procedures
- Faculty, Counselors, A&R/Evaluations Staff, Articulation Officers, Regional Directors, Administrators, etc.