

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

What is CPL?

- College credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside a college classroom. (2021 Curriculum Institute - Credit for Prior Learning)
- Examples:
 - Military training
 - Industry training and certification
 - Federal/state government training
 - Apprenticeships, internships, work-based learning, other industry-based experiential learning

Methods of Assessment

- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- College Level Exam Preparation
- Portfolio Review
- Credit by Exam
- Industry Certification
- Military Transcript

CPL is an EQUITY Lever – Vision for Success

- CCC Vision for Success
 - Increase credential obtainment by 20%
 - Increase transfer by 35% to CSU and UC
 - Decrease unit obtainment for a degree
 - Increase employment for CTE students
 - Reduce and erase equity gaps
 - Reduce Regional Gaps

CPL is an EQUITY Lever – CCC Core Commitments

- Core Commitments
 - Focus on students' goals
 - Design and decide with the student in mind
 - Pair high expectations with high support
 - Evidence-based decisions
 - Own student performance
 - Enable innovation and action
 - Cross-system partnership

ASCCC – Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever: <u>Credit for Prior Learning</u> as an Equity Lever | <u>ASCCC</u>

CPL is an EQUITY Lever

- The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) report (October 2020):
 - 72 U.S. postsecondary institutions
 - 230,000 adult postsecondary students
 - 49% of PLA (CPL) students completed postsecondary degree or certificate compared to only 27% of non-PLA students
 - Showed positive impact on completion persists across all learner demographics, including gender, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, academic performance, and institution type
 - Students earned more traditional-course credits (17.6 on average) compared to non-PLA students
 - Black students, Pell Grant recipients, students living in lower-income communities were least likely to have participated (New Study confirms that recognizing prior learning results in higher postsecondary credential completion and other institution and student benefits)

Closing the equity gap

- Most Californians who could benefit from CPL are people of Color (Credit for prior learning: Leveraging past learning to close present ...)
- Validates learning that has occurred
- Saves money and time
- Increases employer partnerships
- Aligns with Guided Pathways

The Student CPL Experience

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL): College credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom. CPL may be earned for eligible courses approved by faculty for students who satisfactorily pass an authorized assessment.

GCCCD BP 4235, AP 4235

Student CPL

Do I qualify?

or work experience that can be demonstrated through an exam or portfolio review may

Eligibility Requirements for

Course must be approved by credit by exam list at

Students must have previous acadmic history and in good

Yes, I qualify

All student holds must be cleared prior to verification of

Official transcripts must be on

on your academic record for

Next Steps 1

1.Search for Eligible Courses that qualify for CPL.

2.Contact your Counselor regarding CPL and the petition process.

3.Gather the course selections and methods of assessment.

Methods of assessments include: evaluation of military transcripts, credit by examiniation, student created portfolio assessment, industry recognized credentials, and/or standarized exams.



Next Steps 2

1. Upon completing and submitting the CPL petition, the College evaluations team will evaluate the petition and ensure the eligibility requirements are met.

2. Faculty will review the student documentation and/or administer an exam, and issue a grade upon completion of CBE form.



Next Steps

Admission and Records will enter the grade and add the course to the student's transcript referenced at CBE or Credit by Exam



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Links:

- CAEL.ORG PLA study: <u>PLA Boost Paper ExecSummary Oct 2020.pdf (cael.org)</u>
- ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever: <u>Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever</u> | <u>ASCCC</u>
- ACCJC Policy on Credit for Prior Learning (June 2020): Policy on Credit for Prior Learning - June 2020 (accjc.org)
- California Competes CPL: <u>CACompetes_CPL-Brief_Final.pdf</u> (<u>californiacompetes.org</u>)
- Grossmont College Credit for Prior Learning (Spring 2023): part6-2023-spring-schedule.pdf (grossmont.edu)

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