

## Articulation Report      12/10/2021

### Credit for Prior Learning Work Group District-wide, Convened by Vice Chancellor Aaron McVean

**Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is college credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom.**

#### **WHY: (Title V Language, amended to strengthen CPL in March, 2020)**

5 CCR § 55050

#### § 55050. Credit for Prior Learning.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies pertaining to credit for prior learning. The policies shall be transparent and accessible to all stakeholders, published at least in college catalogs. Procedures for students to attain credit for prior learning shall include, but not be limited to, credit by examination, evaluation of Joint Services Transcripts, evaluation of student-created portfolios, evaluation of industry-recognized credential documentation, and standardized exams.

(b) The governing board may grant credit to any student who satisfactorily passes an assessment approved or conducted by proper authorities of the college. For purposes of this section, "assessment" means the process that faculty undertake with a student to ensure the student demonstrates sufficient mastery of the course outcomes as set forth in the course outline of record. "Sufficient mastery" means having attained a level of knowledge, skill, and information equivalent to that demonstrated generally by students who receive the minimum passing grade in the course.

(c) The nature and content of the assessment shall be determined solely by faculty in the discipline who normally teach the course for which credit is to be granted in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the curriculum committee established pursuant to section 55002. The faculty shall determine that the assessment adequately measures mastery of the **course content as set forth in the outline of record**. The faculty may accept an assessment conducted at a location other than the community college for this purpose.

(d) Credit may be awarded for prior experience or prior learning only for **individually identified courses with** subject matter similar to that of the individual's prior learning, and only for a course listed in the catalog of the community college. Colleges shall consider the credit recommendations of the American Council on Education pursuant to Education Code section 66025.71. Upon a student's demonstration of sufficient mastery through an examination or assessment, an award of credit should be made, if possible, to California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, California State University General Education Breadth, and local community college general education requirements or requirements for a student's chosen program. Award of credit may be made to electives for students who do not require additional general education or program credits to meet their goals.

#### **WHAT:**

- Establish Administrative Procedures, Business Processes, Forms, Rubrics, etc. to document and provide credit for prior learning of students.
- Nature and content of the assessment of prior learning is determined solely by discipline faculty
- Categories of Prior Learning:
  - Credit by Examination
  - Evaluation of Joint Services Transcripts (military)
  - Evaluation of Student-Created Portfolios
  - Evaluation of industry-recognized credential documentation
  - Consideration of credit recommendations of the American Council on Education
  - External Exams (AP, IB, CLEP), equated to a specific course, where possible

#### **WHEN:**

- Some aspects of CPL are already in place (Credit by Examination, External Exams)
- The District is planning a district-wide announcement about CPL as a whole next semester.