



TO: Chief Executive Officers
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FROM: Dr. Aisha N. Lowe, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services & Support Division
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RE: Baccalaureate Degree Program Implementation Updates

On October 6, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 927 (Medina) authorizing the California community colleges (CCC) to expand and extend the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program indefinitely. The bill amended Education Code to authorize the BOG to establish up to 30 baccalaureate degree programs (BDP) annually, with a maximum of 15 in each of two application cycles.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office released an application for new baccalaureate degree programs in fall 2021 and received 10 applications during the January 2022 application cycle. This memorandum provides an update on the implementation work underway, and the current and future application cycles.

Building an Ecosystem of Support for BDP programs

The Chancellor's Office has been working across four fronts to build an ecosystem of support for the proliferation of CCC baccalaureate degree programs:

Program Review and Approval: In addition to creating and receiving applications, the Chancellor's Office developed a program review and approval process for these new programs. This included developing a clear and robust set of institutional and program quality criteria, along with a corresponding scoring rubric. We want to thank the members of the BDP Workgroup who were instrumental in helping develop those materials, and for scoring the first set of applications. The cycle one applications have been scored and feedback will be sent directly to those colleges.

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Intersegmental Coordination: In addition to detailing specific program requirements, Education Code §78042 also requires an intersegmental program duplication review process whereby “the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall consult with and seek feedback from the Chancellor of the California State University, the President of the University of California, and the President of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities about proposed baccalaureate degree programs”, and receive program duplication concerns and objections from 4-year partners. The Chancellor’s Office has designed an intersegmental program duplication consultation process and has facilitated consultation meetings with leadership from the other segments. Those consultations continue for three of the 10 cycle one applicant programs and will conclude this fall.

Infrastructure: The Chancellor’s Office has also been developing the needed infrastructure to support BDPs long-term. This includes updating the Chancellor’s Office Curriculum Inventory (COCI) system, MIS data elements, the Program Course Approval Handbook (PCAH), and the BDP handbook, as well as establishing the BDP Workgroup to help design these processes and revisions.

Technical Assistance: The Chancellor’s Office is also coordinating with the California Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCCBA) to provide needed technical assistance to help colleges design, apply for, establish, and continuously improve CCC baccalaureate degree programs. See the details provided in the appendix about the upcoming national Community College Baccalaureate Association conference and the work of the CCCBA. The Chancellor’s Office encourages all CCCs to join and actively participate in the Baccalaureate Degree Community in the Vision Resource Center.

Fall 2022 and Beyond

This work will continue through the fall 2022 term as we provide cycle one applicant colleges feedback on their applications, conclude the intersegmental duplication consultation process, and build the infrastructure needed to support the baccalaureate degree programs. What would have been a second cycle of new applications for August 2022 will instead be an opportunity for cycle one applicants to update and finalize their applications. Colleges can anticipate a revised

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application process, additional guidance, and a technical assistance webinar this fall. New BDP applications will then be submitted for the January 2023 deadline.

If you have any questions about this guidance, please email BDP@cccco.edu.

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Appendix A: Technical Assistance

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The national conference of the national Community College Baccalaureate Association will be held in California, with the support of the California Community College Baccalaureate Association. It will be held in Palm Springs, at the Westin Resort, February 15-17. Keynote speakers include Jee Hang Lee (President and CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees), Dr. Martha Kanter (President & CEO of America's College Promise and former Under Secretary of Education), and Dr. Eboni Zamani-Gallaher (Professor and Executive Director of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE ASSOCIATION

The California Community College Baccalaureate Association's (CCBA) purpose is to promote community college baccalaureate programs in California and to provide technical assistance and professional development. CCCBA is affiliated with the Community College League of California (CCLC) and has a Board of Directors that includes community college presidents and chancellors, several faculty members from community colleges in the baccalaureate degree pilot program, as well as the immediate past president of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. The CCCBA Board is chaired by Dr. Judy Miner, Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and its President & CEO is Dr. Constance Carroll, Chancellor Emerita of the San Diego Community College District. The CCCBA is also an affiliate member of the national Community College Baccalaureate Association.