

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
AMENDMENT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
REGARDING
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Standing Order 200, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held during the next regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on May 20-21, 2019, at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, California. The Board meeting will commence at the hour of 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the Agency will permit. The room is wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations such as materials in alternate media, sign language interpreters, or real time transcription will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Parking accessible for persons with disabilities is available near the facility. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify Christina Castro, 1102 Q Street, Suite 4500 Sacramento, CA 95811-6549, ccastro@cccco.edu, 916-323-5889, no less than five working days prior to the meeting. The Chancellor's Office will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible.

At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed regulatory action described in the Informative Digest. The Board of Governors requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written summary of their comments. No oral comments will be accepted subsequent to this public hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. To help ensure comments are understood as they are intended, we suggest that they clearly identify the proposed regulation that each comment addresses, with reference to specific section and subparagraph numbers where appropriate. Please arrange comments in the same order as the proposed regulation. Comments should be addressed to:

Regulations Coordinator
California Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, Suite 4550
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Comments may also be submitted by email at regcomments@cccco.edu.

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2019. All written comments received by CCCCO staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this Notice or may modify the proposed regulations if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified regulation will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption, and will be provided to those persons who have requested or are required to receive notification of regulatory actions, or who have provided written or oral comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Education Code sections 66025.71, 66700, 70901.

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Two 2018 laws indicate the Legislature's ongoing interest in Credit for Prior Learning (CPL). One law, SB 1071 requires the system to implement a consistent policy to award credit for veteran and military students using their Joint Services Transcripts. This law, while a welcome catalyst for CPL in the system, would impact a limited population. In fall 2017, about 33,000 veterans and active-duty military were enrolled in a California community college. When looking at the broader potential student population (6.8 million Californians age 25-54 with less than an associate degree), about 272,000 have military experience. This indicates that the legislature's focus on CPL for veterans and military excludes the vast majority of California workers. A second law, AB 1786 requires an initiative to expand the use of course credit at the California Community Colleges for students with prior learning, with a report due to the legislature in January 2020.

As demonstrated in approximately 24 other states' higher education systems and affirmed in research, expanding CPL policy and practice can increase the impact of CPL on student success while ensuring quality, integrity, and equity in the award of credit. The Lumina Foundation provided funding to the Success Center at the Foundation for California Community Colleges to create a policy and resource infrastructure to expand CPL in our system. The initiative-led by Vice Chancellor Alice Perez with the support of the Success Center-convened a statewide CPL Advisory Committee to inform recommendations that will help students have more equitable opportunities to earn CPL. The committee comprised of 24 stakeholders from within the system including appointees from the Academic Senate and representatives of faculty, articulation officers, counselors, CIOs and other roles, and representatives from CSU, UC, and workforce. The initiative produced recommendations of state-level actions to expand CPL and recommended guidance for districts and campuses.

Among other state-level actions, the committee recommends that the system revise Title 5 Section 55050 to achieve the following goals:

- Create one umbrella CPL policy that expands types of prior learning assessments available to students beyond credit by exam.
- Create a consistent process to automatically refer eligible students to faculty for prior learning assessment, placing more burden on

institutions than students, and creating more equity in process and opportunity.

- Require CPL for general education (GE) or program courses first, and electives as a last resort, as necessary to support the student's goals.
- Require that policies and procedures be accessible to all stakeholders.
- Give students an opportunity to accept or deny credit awards, which helps them protect their financial aid or GI Bill benefits.
- Condense all district policies related to credit for prior learning into one comprehensive policy to simplify CPL for all stakeholders.

On March 14, 2019, the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C) approved the draft regulation changes to be forwarded to the Consultation Council and the Board of Governors. 5C makes recommendations and provides guidance to the Chancellor's Office on local and regional implementation of curriculum policy and regulations.

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings of the proposed amendments are anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: *None*

Cost or savings to state agencies: *None*

Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 title 2 of the Government Code: *None*

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: *None*

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: *None*

The proposed amendments to title 5 would result in no fiscal impact to local or state governments. Nor will it have any fiscal impact on any federal funding.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, at regcomments@cccoco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained online at:

[Board of Governors Meetings Agenda](#)

or [Legal - Regulations](#).

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the May 20-21, 2019 meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.