

## MAPPING ARTICULATED PATHWAYS | CREDIT-FOR-PRIOR LEARNING (CPL)

### DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

#### Overview

In collaboration with the Mapping Articulation Pathways (MAP) initiative, the Chancellor's Office will conduct a demonstration project that will improve equitable access and successful completion, transfer, and livable wage employment for veterans and working adults by awarding credit-for-prior learning. The participating colleges will develop the capacity and procedures to make CPL a reality for our students.

Currently, 76 of the 116 California Community Colleges participate in the MAP Initiative, a cohort of community colleges committed to awarding up to a year of college credit in recognition of the mastery acquired through prior learning, training, and experience.

#### Project Details

The MAP CPL Demonstration Project provides enhanced support for 6 colleges to develop a sustainable MAP team focused on developing local procedures, capacity, expertise, and support for developing 2+2 pathways with embedded CPL designed to significantly increase equitable access for working adults and apprentices, veterans and active-duty military, and formerly incarcerated in emerging industry sectors and programs leading to high-demand, high-wage careers. The campuses selected will implement the infrastructure to maximize the local awarding of credit for prior learning.

Six colleges will receive up to \$225,000 for a three-year grant (January 2024 – December 2026) to join the MAP Initiative Cohort to:

1. Non-Cohort Colleges: Become a participating college in the MAP Initiative cohort of colleges OR
  - Develop a campus-wide shared understanding of the validity and value of CPL among faculty and clarify how CPL aligns with the organization mission, education master plan, strategic plan, and program review goals.
  - Review current CPL stakeholders, resources, procedures, supports, requirements, technology available to award CPL.
  - Target Specific Disciplines and Areas of Opportunity.
2. Cohort Colleges: Develop a comprehensive credit-for-prior learning framework to institutionalize awarding CPL.
  - Develop capacity at each college to maximize CPL awarding.
  - Integrate CPL in funding and accountability structures.
  - Develop industry and institutional procedures for aligning workplace training and standards with collegiate training and curricula.

#### MAP Initiative Expectations

- Maintain and provide a technological solution through the use of the MAP Platform. The goal is to use technology to automate and streamline the articulation process while making articulations at one college shareable and adoptable at other colleges—creating a transparent ecosystem that maximizes CPL and allows students to access their eligible credits at participating colleges.
- Provide professional development and technical assistance to faculty that promotes cultural and academic development and support the central role faculty plays in the articulation process.
- Establish an achievable goal for each demonstration project college for the number of students to award CPL.
- Lead intersegmental collaboration with CSU and UC partners to ensure transfer.

- Store and share CPL course articulations and exhibits that can be adopted by any college, samples include: POST, Fire, EMT, Apprenticeships, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Automotive Certifications, Cyber Security, Microsoft Certifications, AWS Certifications, etc.

### **Field Engagement**

This Demonstration Project will provide best practices to the field and demonstrate the gains possible through effective offers of CPL embedded in program pathways.

### **Contact Information**

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