

## CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING WORKPLAN

### Accomplishments - May 2026

#### Executive Summary

During 2025–2026, the California Community Colleges made landmark progress scaling Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) as a permanent, statewide strategy to recognize the knowledge veterans, apprentices, working adults, and other learners bring to college—advancing Vision 2030’s commitment to equitable access, support, and success through more flexible and student-centered pathways. The MAP platform completed 50+ enhancements and expanded from a 76-college pilot toward a no-cost statewide service for all 116 colleges, with the student-facing CPL Portal and MAP Exhibit module on track for April 2026 launch. The system served 42,620 students, transcribed 96,449 CPL units, and identified 192,000 additional eligible units statewide, generating an estimated \$269 million in student savings. Critically, \$15 million in one-time and \$5 million in ongoing state funding was secured to establish CPL as a permanent Chancellor’s Office service, grounding this work in long-term sustainability rather than grant dependency.

Two activities anchor the depth of this year’s progress. Eleven statewide faculty discipline workgroups produced 281 new credit recommendations, bringing the validated total to 576, reinforcing that academic integrity and faculty leadership remain central to CPL at scale, while AI-assisted course crosswalk pilots are beginning to accelerate that work. Four targeted implementation sprints focused on Veterans, Apprenticeship, Noncredit, and Not-for-Credit populations delivered 25+ professional learning engagements reaching more than 1,000 participants, expanded partnerships with 20+ organizations across state, workforce, military, and philanthropic sectors, and launched the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base and Copper Mountain College demonstration project to extend CPL access to military-connected students.

#### Vision 2030 in Action

The Vision 2030: Credit for Prior Learning workplan operationalizes Strategic Direction: 1 - Equitable Baccalaureate Attainment and Actions: 1, 1a-d, & 5.

#### *Demonstration projects*

- Credit for Prior Learning

#### Progress & Accomplishments

##### Activity 1: Technology & MAP Platform

- Completed 50+ development enhancements across eight feature areas, advancing the MAP platform toward statewide scalability.
- Enhanced AI-assisted transcript parsing and military credit evaluation capabilities.

- Developed the CPL Student Portal and MAP Exhibit module to enable student-facing access and recommendation matching (on track for April 2026 launch).
- Advanced interoperability with key statewide systems, including Credential Engine, Career Passport, Calbright, and CVC-OEI.
- Initiated development of the California Credential Registry and common competency framework to support statewide CPL implementation.

#### Activity 2: Credit Recommendations & Faculty

- Convened 11 statewide faculty discipline workgroups across high-demand fields to expand CPL pathways.
- Developed 281 new faculty-validated credit recommendations, bringing the total to 576 adopted statewide.
- Launched AI-assisted course crosswalk pilots to accelerate recommendation development while maintaining faculty oversight.
- Established a formal partnership with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) to sustain faculty leadership.

#### Activity 3: CPL Students & College Success

- Served 42,620 students and transcribed 96,449 CPL units, exceeding annual participation targets.
- Engaged 84 actively participating colleges and distributed implementation funding to 114 credit and four noncredit campuses.
- Identified 192,000 eligible CPL units and generated approximately \$269 million in student savings.
- Established statewide reporting definitions, and developed infrastructure for improved MIS data collection and student feedback.

#### Activity 4: Partnerships, Policy & Scale

- Implemented four statewide sprints (Veterans, Apprenticeship, Noncredit, Not-for-Credit) to expand CPL across priority populations and pathways.
- Delivered 25+ statewide and regional technical assistance and professional learning engagements, reaching more than 1,000 participants.
- Expanded partnerships with 20+ organizations across state, workforce, military, and philanthropic sectors.
- Launched the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base and Copper Mountain College demonstration project to extend CPL access to military-connected students.
- Developed implementation resources, including the CPL Implementation and Sustainability Guide and Vision Resource Center training library.

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