

Docket Item:

Revisions to Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Standards

Summary:

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Oregon Credit for Prior Learning Standards were revisited in light of clarifications from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and revisions were crafted by the CPL Advisory Committee's Co-Chairs and an Advisory sub-committee formed expressly for this purpose.

The process and the summary of revisions were approved by the CPL Advisory Committee in February 2017 and are presented in the docket material.

Major Changes

1. The only type of CPL that will be included in the 25% limitation as noted in Standard 2.C.7 is Prior Experiential Learning/Prior Learning Assessments which are usually assessed by evaluating a portfolio the student submits. The portfolio must be reviewed by qualified faculty at an institution. Credit is awarded based on the faculty review of the portfolio.
2. All other types of CPL (e.g. institutional challenge exams, ACE credit recommendations, etc.) will be under Standard 2.C.8 or 2.D.10 which means that more than 25% of the total credits needed for a degree can be from CPL awarded credits.
3. Institutional policies and procedures must be in place and followed for awarding credit in response to Standard 2.C.7, Standard 2.C.8 and Standard 2.D.10 and to maintain the integrity of the degree or certificate.
4. Institutional policies must clearly identify the number of CPL credits that can be used toward degree or certificate completion and the required number of residency credits must be defined. All institutional programs must adhere to these policies and procedures.

5. All types of CPL must be notated on the transcript and must state where the credit originated (ACE, institutional challenge exam, etc.).
6. There must be institutional faculty oversight for awarding CPL credit and the evidence used to award CPL credit must be evaluated by appropriately qualified teaching faculty.

Attachments:

- 1) Proposed 2017 Revised Oregon Credit for Prior Learning Standards
- 2) Proposed 2017 Revised Oregon Credit for Prior Learning Standards showing the proposed changes in text with track changes

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the *2017 Revised CPL Standards*, as recommended by the Student Success and Institutional Collaboration Subcommittee on May 10, 2017.