

Docket Item:

Credit for Prior Learning Legislative Report

Summary:

Passed in 2012, HB 4059 requires an annual report to the Oregon Legislature on the progress being made in meeting the goals outlined in the legislation. HECC staff provided analysis for the report and worked with the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Advisory Committee to survey post-secondary institutions across the state on their credit for prior learning offerings.

The 2017 report updates the prior Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Advisory Committee work in two major areas: the environmental scan, and the revision of state CPL standards.

The environmental scan allowed each institution to report answers individually while coordinating with their CPL Cross Functional Leadership Team and registrar's office at each school. The following areas for consideration were gathered from the environmental scan: visibility of CPL, need for a desk audit to identify quality assurance measures, need for transparency around faculty compensation, availability of fee information for students, strategies to increase transferability of CPL credit, improvements to data collection and reporting, and potential for statewide professional development opportunities.

The revision of state CPL standards was conducted by a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee and completed in January, 2017. The recommended revisions were approved by a vote of the advisory committee in February. The HECC adopted the revised standards on June 7, 2017.

In 2017, the CPL Advisory Committee is experiencing an important transition to broader scope of college completion and student success efforts with new leadership, new members, and new support staff. Because the CPL initiative is well established, in 2018 the Advisory Committee meetings will be less frequent as the HECC realigns the mission of the Committee with the state's needs. As the Commission considers next steps, it will examine an expanded set of initiatives for adult learners that incorporates and leverages the work done for CPL.

Staff Recommendation:

Draft report provided for Commission input and approval before submission to the Legislature later this month.