



To: Presidents/Chancellors and Provosts of Senior Public Institutions, County Colleges, and Public-Mission Independent Institutions that Receive State Operating Aid
From: Vance T. Stephens, Director of Policy
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Subject: Opportunity for Institution Participation in Statewide Credit for Prior Learning Initiative: Action Required by November 30, 2023

A key component of the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education’s (OSHE) statewide ‘Some College, No Degree’ (SCND) initiative is to help re-engage students and reduce time to degree. To support the unique and diverse needs of New Jersey’s SCND student population, OSHE is excited to partner with Vantage Point Consulting and the American Council on Education (ACE) to help students reduce time to degree through earning college credit for prior learning (CPL) by providing technical assistance through a statewide learning community to help build capacity and expertise at eligible institutions of higher education.

To move this important work forward, the State, in partnership with Vantage Point Consulting, will conduct Adult Learner/CPL assessments to understand New Jersey’s current landscape and to inform future services, including a professional development workshop series and on-going technical assistance.

National studies demonstrate that students who receive credit for prior learning are more than twice as likely to graduate compared to students who do not.

Presidents/Chancellors, provosts, or their designees at senior public institutions, county colleges, and public-mission independent institutions that receive state operating aid should complete the [CPL Assessment Interest Form](#) to indicate interest and to identify a CPL campus point of contact. Vantage Point will follow up with institutions to discuss time commitment, stakeholder involvement, and other details prior to a formal commitment. Participating institutions agree to partner with Vantage Point Consulting to assess current institutional CPL policies and practices through targeted interviews, surveys, and data sharing. In turn, participating institutions will have access to their own tailored institutional assessment report detailing their current practices with specific recommendations. Additionally, faculty and professional staff will be eligible for customized professional development opportunities, knowledge-sharing communities, and resources to advance campus CPL efforts.

Please complete the form by no later than November 30, 2023. Questions about this opportunity may be directed to Vance T. Stephens, OSHE Director of Policy, at vance.stephens@oshe.nj.gov.