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To: Faculty and Administrative Staff at County Colleges, Senior Public Institutions, and Public-Mission Independent Institutions that Receive State Operating Aid
From: Vance T. Stephens, Director of Policy
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Subject: Credit for Prior Learning Online Resources and Professional Development

The New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE)—in collaboration with Vantage Point Consulting and the American Council on Education (ACE)—is pleased to launch the Credit for Prior Learning Community of Practice on the *ACE Engage* platform. This online space serves as a professional development hub that includes micro-courses, webinars, workshops, facilitated discussion forums, and office hours with ACE faculty experts. Our aim is that institutions utilize this space to engage with the ACE experts and, more importantly, with each other, to support the “Some College, No Degree” student population persist to completion.

Please use the following link to create a profile and share with your campus colleagues to join as well: [NJ Credit for Prior Learning on ACE Engage](#). Step-by-step instructions are below. You must use your institutional email address to create a profile.

Once logged in, please be sure to view the [events calendar](#) to note upcoming workshops and webinars, led by ACE faculty, on a range of CPL topics. For the month of July, upcoming events include:

- July 17th, 1:00 p.m. CPL Policies and Procedures
- July 24th, 1:00 p.m. Institutional Supports: Workflow and Process
- July 31st, 1:00 p.m. Using Data to Drive Decision-Making (Part 1)

Successful CPL policy and practice necessitate strong, collaborative cross-functional teams, so we encourage campuses to consider institutional roles and strategic campus needs. In addition to the workshops and webinars, participants can also engage in the self-paced, role-based [micro-courses](#). You may complete all courses and/or partner with colleagues and complete courses most aligned with your institutional roles, functions, and expertise.

If you have any questions about the credit for prior learning initiative or the online community of practice, please contact Vance T. Stephens, Director of Policy (vance.stephens@oshe.nj.gov).



PURPOSE

In support of the Some College, No Degree (SCND) initiative, the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) engaged Vantage Point Consulting and the American Council on Education to help evaluate capacity and expertise in Credit for Prior Learning (CPL). A custom professional development space has been designed to support higher education faculty, staff, and leaders in implementing CPL policies and processes to improve efficiency, ensure consistency, and scale practice to support adult learners. The space includes self-paced micro-courses and offers technical assistance from ACE Faculty Evaluators via chat, office hours, and facilitated web forums.

PARTICIPATION

Faculty and professional staff from public universities, public community colleges, and public mission, private colleges and universities are invited to participate in the NJ Credit for Prior Learning Community of Practice on ACE Engage.

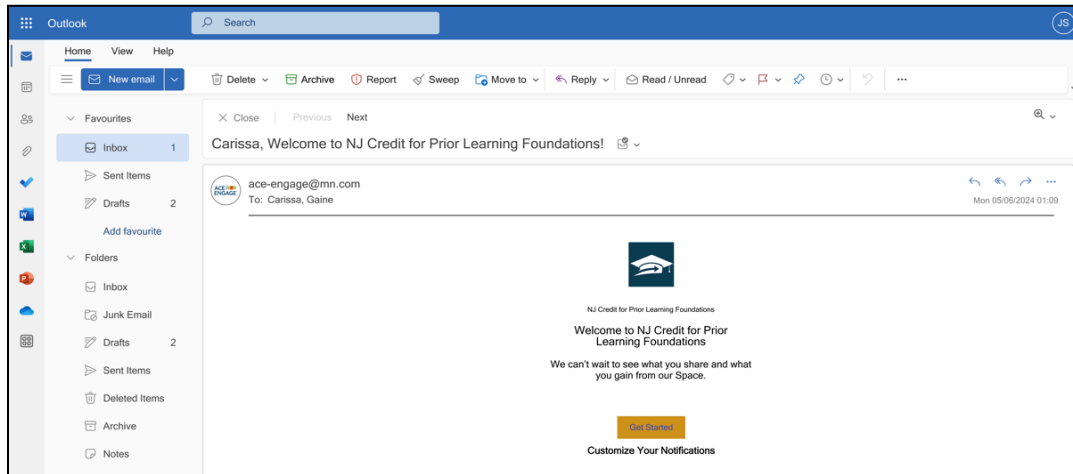
BENEFITS

The NJ CPL Community of Practice offers professional development and technical assistance designed to address identified needs and support institutions' strategic investments in adult learners. Self-paced, role-based micro-courses use the [Maximizing Credit for Prior Learning in a Data-Informed Ecosystem](#) framework to support tactical actions to implement and scale CPL across functions: Faculty Engagement, Student Outreach and Support, Institutional Support, Technical Capacity/Data, and Ecosystem Engagement. In addition, experienced ACE faculty evaluators are on hand to engage with you in the Community Forum. Participants are encouraged to ask questions, share learning, and create new understandings with the facilitators and with each other. Check out the event calendar for workshops, webinars, and moderated forums related to CPL topics and take advantage of appointments to problem-solve with experts by appointment. A successful community of practice leverages the learning of all the participants.

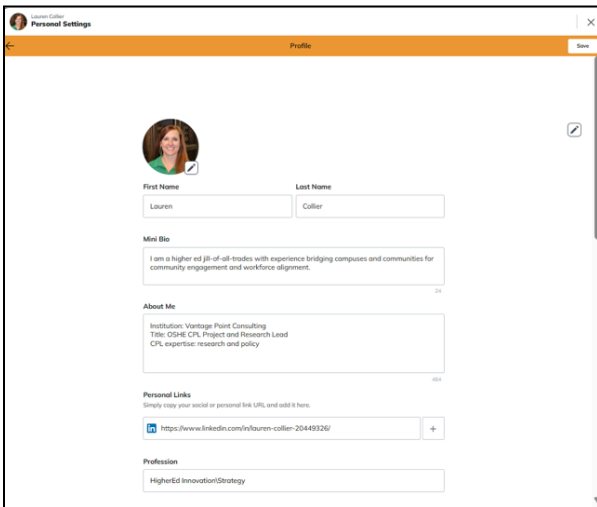
ACCESS

1. Follow the [ACE Engage Link](#) sent from your campus CPL colleague.
2. You will be prompted to respond to the following questions as a gateway to the site:
 - a. Institution
 - b. How did you hear about the ACE Engage community?
 - c. What do you hope to accomplish as a member of this community?

- You will receive an email from ACE Engage at ace-engage@mn.co notifying you of your approval for access. The link will take you directly to the NJ CPL space.



BROWSER: Please note we recommend Chrome or Safari for optimal use on ACE Engage.



- Create your profile. We ask that you include your name, institution, title, CPL functional role, and higher ed sector.

- Jump in! Join the Community Forum conversation, take a micro-course, attend a webinar with ACE Facilitators, or any combination that works for you.

For technical assistance, please reach out to: NJCPL@acenet.edu

