

To: Faculty and Administrators 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 Technical Assistance

As part of the credit for prior learning (CPL) professional development offerings through the *ACE Engage* online platform, the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is pleased to announce the rollout of CPL Technical Assistance. This custom coaching and technical assistance, provided by ACE expert facilitators, is designed to help individual institutions engage with CPL questions and issues specific to their campus contexts.

Assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure access, individuals within an institution should schedule technical assistance sessions as a team after identifying the primary needs to be addressed during their session. This will help to ensure targeted and custom support from the facilitators.

You may review each facilitator's topical expertise and schedule technical assistance sessions on the *ACE Engage* platform. If you have not yet joined the online community, please refer to the attached instructions on how to log in.

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.

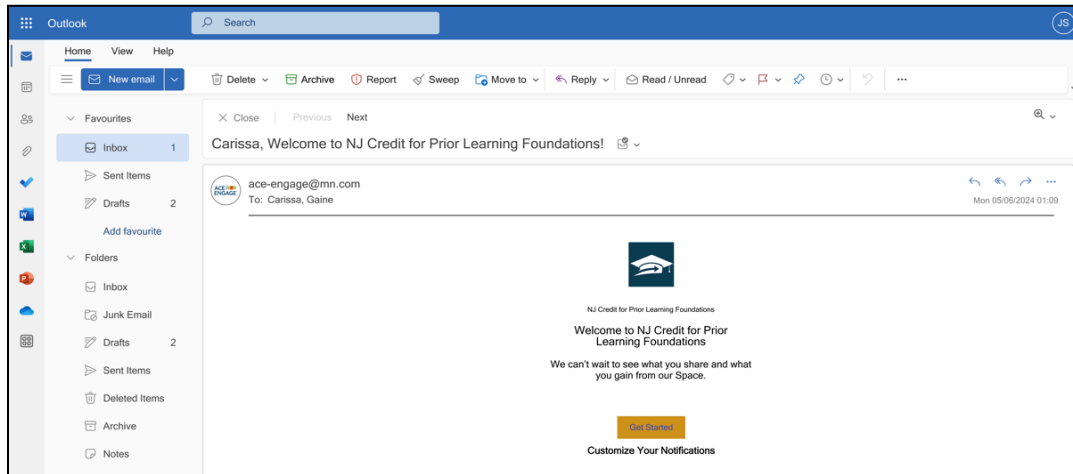
BENEFITS

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.

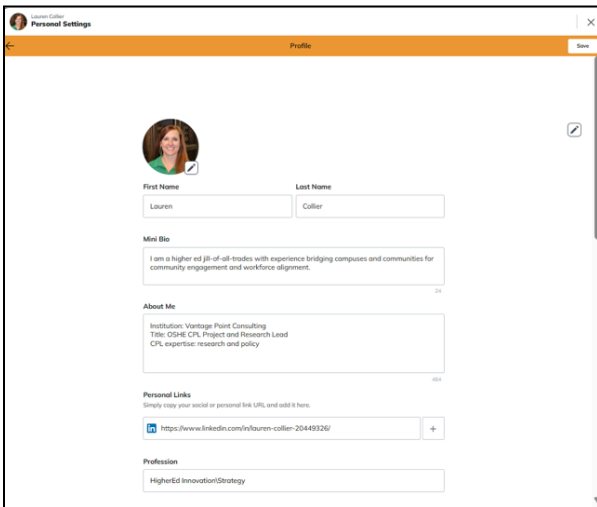
ACCESS

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

