



# Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

# What is CPL?

- College credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside a college classroom. (2021 Curriculum Institute - Credit for Prior Learning)
- Examples:
  - Military training
  - Industry training and certification
  - Federal/state government training
  - Apprenticeships, internships, work-based learning, other industry-based experiential learning

# Methods of Assessment

- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- College Level Exam Preparation
- Portfolio Review
- Credit by Exam
- Industry Certification
- Military Transcript

# CPL is an EQUITY Lever – Vision for Success

- CCC Vision for Success
  - Increase credential obtainment by 20%
  - Increase transfer by 35% to CSU and UC
  - Decrease unit obtainment for a degree
  - Increase employment for CTE students
  - Reduce and erase equity gaps
  - Reduce Regional Gaps

# CPL is an EQUITY Lever – CCC Core Commitments

- Core Commitments

- Focus on students' goals
- Design and decide with the student in mind
- Pair high expectations with high support
- Evidence-based decisions
- Own student performance
- Enable innovation and action
- Cross-system partnership

ASCCC – Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever: [Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever | ASCCC](#)

# CPL is an EQUITY Lever

- The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) report (October 2020):
  - 72 U.S. postsecondary institutions
  - 230,000 adult postsecondary students
  - 49% of PLA (CPL) students completed postsecondary degree or certificate compared to only 27% of non-PLA students
  - Showed positive impact on completion persists across all learner demographics, including gender, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, academic performance, and institution type
    - Students earned more traditional-course credits (17.6 on average) compared to non-PLA students
  - Black students, Pell Grant recipients, students living in lower-income communities were least likely to have participated *(New Study confirms that recognizing prior learning results in higher postsecondary credential completion and other institution and student benefits)*

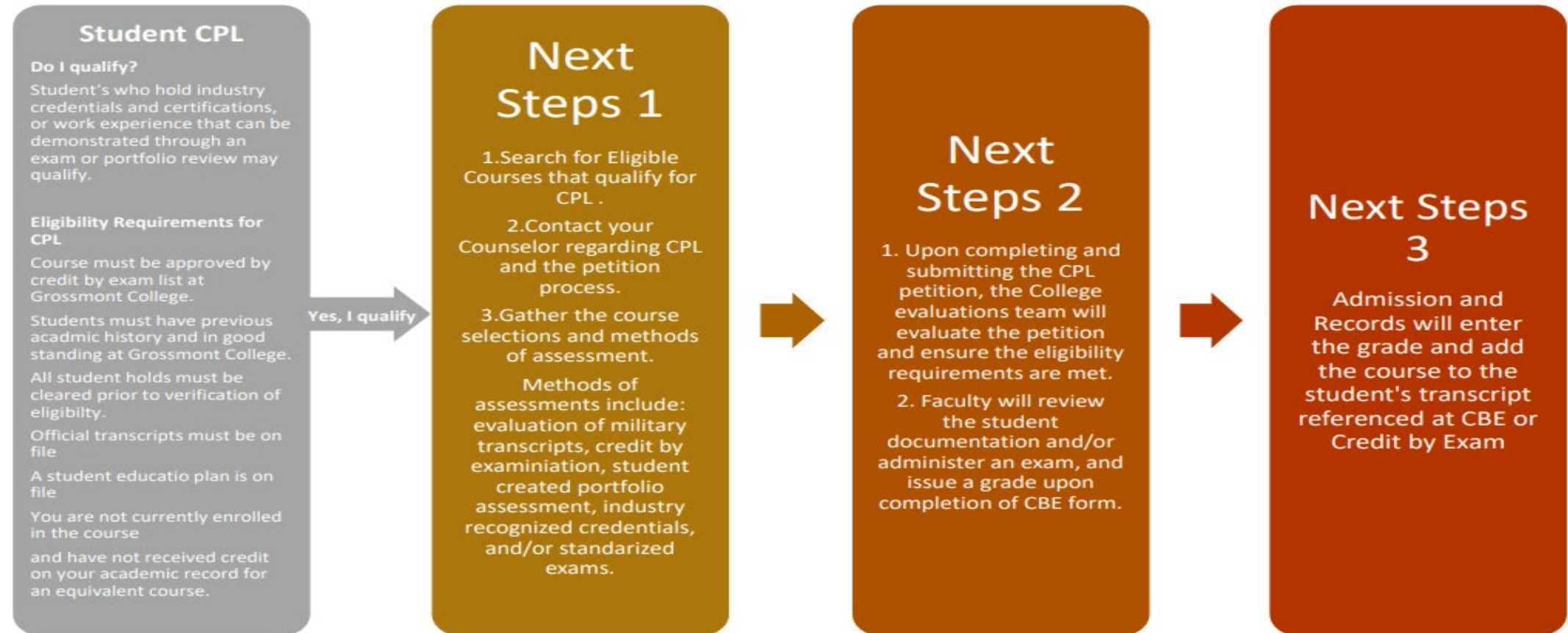
# Closing the equity gap

- Most Californians who could benefit from CPL are people of color *(Credit for prior learning: Leveraging past learning to close present ...)*
- Validates learning that has occurred
- Saves money and time
- Increases employer partnerships
- Aligns with Guided Pathways

# The Student CPL Experience

**Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** College credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom. CPL may be earned for eligible courses approved by faculty for students who satisfactorily pass an authorized assessment.

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# Links:

- CAEL.ORG – PLA study: [PLA Boost Paper ExecSummary - Oct 2020.pdf \(cael.org\)](#)
- ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever: [Credit for Prior Learning as an Equity Lever | ASCCC](#)
- ACCJC Policy on Credit for Prior Learning (June 2020): [Policy on Credit for Prior Learning - June 2020 \(accjc.org\)](#)
- California Competes – CPL: [CACompetes\\_CPL-Brief\\_Final.pdf \(californiacompetes.org\)](#)
- Grossmont College – Credit for Prior Learning (Spring 2023): [part6-2023-spring-schedule.pdf \(grossmont.edu\)](#)

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