California Community College Online Education Opportunities

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We support the Governor's proposal to explore innovative approaches for a redesigned public online ecosystem for California Community Colleges. With the goal of serving more Californians with accessible quality online instruction, we recommend design principles that:

- Support working learners by establishing a vehicle for system innovation;

- Advance Credit for Prior Learning and Competency based Education;

- Ensure integration and transfer of learning milestones within the system such as translation of competencies to credits across the entire system;

- Integrate the existing online ecosystem, including the Online Education Initiative and ongoing efforts of system colleges;

- Align with existing system frameworks such as Doing What Matters -Strong Workforce, and Guided Pathways;

- Apply regulatory relief as well as design and delivery innovation to all colleges simultaneously, where and whenever possible;

- Efficiently leverage existing system infrastructure investments;

- Allow for consistent input and feedback from system colleges throughout the design and implementation process;

- Adopt a prototyping model wherein significant design changes (including further regulatory and system changes/modifications) are anticipated throughout implementation based on ongoing assessment; and

- Leverage the accreditation and regional business partnerships with existing colleges.