



California Community Colleges

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chief Instructional Officers

FROM: Alice Perez,
Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

RE: Online Education Initiative Consortium Expansion

In an effort to scale its commitment to online student access, success, and completion, the California Community Colleges Online Education Initiative (OEI) has expanded the number of colleges in its Consortium. Each of the new colleges devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to completing a self-assessment process leading to their selection. All of the 33 new consortium colleges will help expand online program offerings while also representing opportunities for student access to online courses needed to complete their educational journeys. The new Consortium colleges include:

Allan Hancock College	De Anza College	Modesto Junior College
American River College	Diablo Valley College	Moorpark College
Bakersfield College	El Camino College	Orange Coast College
Cerro Coso Community College	Evergreen Valley College	Porterville College
City College of San Francisco	Feather River College	Sacramento City College
Clovis Community College	Folsom Lake College	San Bernardino Valley College
College of the Desert	Gavilan College	Santa Ana College
College of the Siskiyous	Glendale Community College	Santa Barbara City College
Cosumnes River College	Las Positas College	Santiago Canyon College
Contra Costa College	Mendocino College	Taft College
Cuesta College	Merced College	Woodland Community College

In November 2017, a call for colleges wishing to join the Consortium was issued. Interested colleges submitted a self-assessment packet, which included demographic and equity data, and narratives related to online instruction and support services. Self-assessments were reviewed for programmatic contributions, local need, technical infrastructure, adoption of existing resources, and demographic information. Following review, all 33 colleges that submitted an application were accepted into the Consortium.

With the addition of these 33 colleges, the OEI Consortium scales to 56 California Community Colleges. Since the inception of the OEI, many California Community

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Colleges have been working together to address online achievement gaps and increase student access to fully-resourced online courses that propel them toward completion, with a specific focus on ADTs. During this time, the system has seen the average gap between face-to-face and online success rates narrow to less than 6 percent, and data shows OEI pilot courses moving 4.9 percentage points above the statewide average success for the online modality.

There are many components now deployed within and beyond the OEI Consortium that are benefitting students and colleges in the system, including, Canvas, online tutoring and counseling platforms, online student readiness resources, proctoring, professional development, and more. The expansion of the consortium is in keeping with the Chancellor's Office goals for scaling broadly to increase online access and completion for students at the colleges. With a particular focus on accelerated transfer through access to high quality online courses, the OEI is also aligned with the goals set forth in the Vision for Success: Strengthening the California Community Colleges to Meet California's Needs strategic plan. It is complementary to the proposed online community college, which is intended to offer short-term certificates through a competency-based approach independent of regular academic calendars.

For a complete list of colleges participating in the OEI Consortium visit ccconlineed.org. The Chancellor's Office along with the OEI management team, are honored to welcome the newest members and look forward to working together in support of California's Community College students.