



# What is "FLOW"?

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In the spring of 2017, Governor Jerry Brown asked California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley to establish a community college that exclusively offers fully online degree programs to make college more accessible and affordable.

Since then, the Board of Governors has adopted [Vision for Success](#), a document which calls for the community college system to better serve working adults in order to meet California's workforce needs.

In order to address these challenges, Chancellor Oakley convened a workgroup to develop a plan to provide 3 to 5 options that enable the community colleges of California to better deliver on student success goals, including online opportunities. With a delivery deadline of November 2017, the work group is co-chaired by CCC Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Digital Futures Van Ton-Quinlivan and Cerritos Colleges President Jose Fierro and has representation from the Academic Senate (ASCCC) and other system representatives.

This endeavor is called "Flex Learning Options for Workers", or FLOW. Chancellor Oakley has defined the target population for the proposed options as 'adults with some college and no certification' as well as 'working adults with vocational needs' to enable them to earn certifications that lead to better workforce outcomes.

In order to meet the November deadline established by the Governor, we have engaged the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems ([NCHEMS](#)) to work with the system stakeholders and online thought leaders to develop these options. The Kresge Foundation is providing funds to underwrite NCHEMS's participation thanks to the outreach of the Foundation for California Community Colleges and the Success Center.

Draft versions of the options will be posted on the web in late October with an opportunity for public comment.

The scope of work for the group includes the following:

- Identify those whom the California community colleges are not currently serving well through traditional education delivery models.
- Identify online education models that will reach these students and best facilitate their completion of useful credentials.
- Determine how the California context factors into the creation of possible options, including existing models.
- Identify 3-5 options along with pros, cons, and associated challenges.

## **The Working Group**

The following individuals have been invited to serve on the workgroup to help develop these options:

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Carlos O. Turner Cortez, President, San Diego Continuing College  
Anthony Culpepper, Chief Business Officer, Glendale Community College  
Chris Ferguson, Principal Program Budget Analyst III, California Department of Finance  
Jose Fierro (work group co-chair), President, Cerritos College  
Sandy Fried, Executive Director, Success Center, Foundation for California Community Colleges  
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Raymond Kaupp, Director of Workforce Development, College of San Mateo  
Jory Hadsell, Executive Director, Online Education Initiative (OEI)  
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Treva Thomas, OEI Consortium, Distance Education Coordinator, Lake Tahoe Community College  
Van Ton-Quinlivan (work group co-chair), Vice Chancellor Workforce, California Community Colleges  
Karen Surratt, Student, Sole Proprietor of Karen's Heritage Day Care

External experts offering insights:

Jay Box, President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System  
Adrian Sannier, Senior Technology Fellow, Arizona State University  
Spencer Stewart, Chancellor, Western Governors University, Nevada

Additional experts will be interviewed and listed in this space as those interviews take place.

Student offering insights: coming soon

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