



We are pleased to invite you to the next **Congressional Staff Network for Economic Advancement** forum – to be held on **Thursday, July 25th – from 12PM to 2PM – Russell Senate Office Building Room 385**. A light lunch will be provided. Please note that Network forums are reserved for congressional staff only.

The forum will focus on the distinction between **Non-Credit and For-Credit Postsecondary Programs – and How Post-Secondary Systems Align these Offerings to Create Seamless Pathways for Today’s Students**. Workforce-focused postsecondary education programs continue to gain traction across the country as many students want efficient pathways to skilled careers. As such, there is growing concern about the extent to which traditional structures for awarding college credit are impacting the ability of nontraditional students to attain the skills and credentials needed to advance their careers on an accelerated basis. This forum will explore the nuances of credit and non-credit programming and the implications of the for-credit / non-credit divide on some of the most vulnerable populations served by community colleges. The forum will also present on promising practices that community colleges and states are implementing to award credit for non-credit coursework and the positive outcomes that can come from this successful bridging.

The forum will feature leaders and practitioners who are at the forefront of innovative practices that are bridging the gap between noncredit and credit programs of study.

Our speakers will include:

- **Madelyn Arballo**, Associate Vice President, School of Continuing Education, Mount San Antonio College, Walnut, California
- **Margaret Roberton**, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, North Carolina Community Colleges
- **Meredith Hatch**, Senior Associate Director, Workforce and Academic Alignment, Achieving the Dream
- **Sharon Warren Cook**, Associate Provost, Kingsborough Community College

To RSVP, please click [here](#). We really hope that you can join us on **July 25th**.

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