

CALIFORNIA'S CRADLE-TO-CAREER DATA SYSTEM

California's Cradle-to-Career Data System (C2C) was named in state legislation to be California's source of actionable data and research on education, economic, and health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities. C2C is envisioned to be the most inclusive data system of its kind in the nation.

Mission

A statewide data system that will provide tools to help students reach their goals and deliver information on education and workforce outcomes.

Vision

The Cradle-to-Career System connects individuals and organizations with trusted information and resources, providing insights into critical milestones in the pipeline from early care to K-12 to higher education, skills training, and employment. The data system empowers individuals to reach their full potential and fosters evidence-based decision-making to help California build a more equitable future.

What problem is the eTranscript project exploring?

1. **Transcript exchange platforms can be disconnected**, making it hard for students to share information across educational institutions or easily request all their records to share with potential employers.
2. **Students can face economic barriers when requesting their transcripts across multiple platforms**, each with their own fee structures. These barriers can exacerbate existing disparities.
3. **Currently, students don't have ways to easily collect and share additional information**, such as their skills-based credentials, badges, or their qualification for additional support services.

How will C2C's planned work address these problems?

Following ongoing conversations at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, C2C, in collaboration with WestEd, is gathering information about potential features for an expanded eTranscript California platform through these steps:

1. Collect qualitative data on proposed changes to eTranscript platform

- » Interviews with higher ed institutions
- » Interviews with students
- » Capturing insights, questions, and feedback

2. Tools to support platform analysis

- » Technical scan on platform capabilities
- » Student use case examples
- » College and employer use cases
- » Analysis of anticipated cost
- » Anticipated return on investment

About C2C's governance structure

The Cradle-to-Career System's Governing Board consists of 21 members, including:

- » Two California State Assembly and two California State Senate appointees
- » Four California Governor's Office appointees
- » Two elected officials
- » Data providers