

Curricular Considerations for Student Access and Success



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Correlation between Access & Success



- Curriculum committees are steeped in this debate
- How do we conscientiously balance the two?
- Considering all the options – should more CCCs be looking at Noncredit?

Noncredit in the CCC



- 2nd chance for students reentering educational system
- Immigrant population's language and civics needs
- Short-term vocational programs as a jump start into the workforce
- Gateway to credit instruction
- Supports needs of credit programs

A Snapshot of Noncredit



- **MIS Data Mart for Fall 2013 Systemwide:**
 - Noncredit Sections Count: 8,951
 - Noncredit Sections FTES: 24,332.18
 - ESL: 10,368.18 (2,484 sections)
 - Elementary & Secondary BS: 5,591.58 (2,223 sections)
 - Enrollment: 442,062
 - ESL: 90,254
 - Elementary & Secondary BS: 199,353

Overlap between Noncredit and Credit



- Pre-collegiate basic skills
- ESL
- Short-term vocational

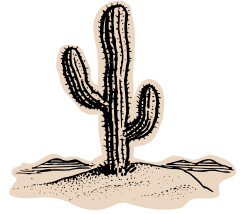
The differences lie in the educational experiences offered in the two instructional modes as well as the immediate needs of the students.

Unique Features of Noncredit



- Free classes
- Flexible scheduling
- Repeatable courses
- Short-term vocational focus – entry level skills
- Students – underprepared, over obligated outside of class

What is Prickly about Noncredit



- Funding differential
- Lower minimum qualifications for faculty
- No “credit” for completion
- No financial aid for most courses
- Attendance reporting – positive attendance
- Lack of full time faculty

Local Curriculum Committees



- Working in conjunction with Academic Senates to determine how noncredit could fit into access/success discussion
- Balancing act – unique vs. prickly
- Determining local needs

Noncredit Course Approval



- 10 noncredit categories (CB22)
- CDCP enhanced funding (4 noncredit categories)
 - Certificates of Competency
 - Certificates of Completion
- Adult High School Diploma Program

What's coming down the pike



- **Title 5 Changes: Noncredit Progress Indicators**
- **AB86**
- **Governor's Budget: An intent to bring CDCP funding to the credit level in 2015-2016**

Resources



- Non Credit Primer:
http://cccio.org/documents/NoncreditGuide_5e.pdf
- AB86 Website: <http://ab86.cccco.edu/>
- Noncredit Opportunities and Challenges (ASCCC)
<http://www.asccc.org/papers/noncredit-instruction-opportunity-and-challenge>