



# Credit for Prior Learning

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# CPL Convergence in California

## Various CCC projects looking for ways to uncover CPL opportunities for students

- Veterans and military students (AB 2462)
- Bachelor's Degree Pilot
- Nursing and military students (SB 466)
- Workforce and Career/Technical  
(Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy)
- Online process to connect students with CPL opportunities  
(Online Education Initiative)



# CPL Workgroups, Reports, & Advisories

- **CPL Workgroup**
  - Formed during Spring 2016
  - CCCCO, ASCCC, Colleges, Faculty Advisory Committees, CACCRAO, Financial Aid, Statewide Initiatives
- **Report of Survey Findings**
- **Chancellor's Office Advisory on Awarding Credit for Prior Learning:  
*AB 2462 (Military Experience)***





# Leadership from ASCCC

- Leverage prior work (2014)
- ASCCC participation on Workforce and OEI steering committees
- Need active consultation and collaboration of faculty leadership
- ASCCC expertise and leadership helps ensure success and participation

AWARDING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE:  
EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF CREDIT BY EXAM

ADOPTED SPRING 2014



# ***ASCCC: 7.01 S16 Costs Associated with Prior Military Experience Credit***

**Resolved, That the [ASCCC], in conjunction with the Chancellor's Office and other system partners, research the costs of implementation of credit for prior military experience; and**

**Resolved, That the [ASCCC], in conjunction with the Chancellor's Office and other system partners, work to secure sufficient and ongoing funding to cover the costs for colleges to ensure the timely implementation and ongoing awarding of credit for prior military experience.**



# ***ASCCC: 7.02 S16 Awarding Credit for Prior Learning Experience***

**Resolved, That the [ASCCC] work with the Chancellor's Office and other interested stakeholders to develop effective practices for the awarding of credit for prior military learning and experience; and**

**Resolved, That the [ASCCC] work with the Chancellor's Office and other interested stakeholders to explore the option of awarding credit for forms of prior learning and experience outside of those involving military experience.**

# Methods to Assess Prior Learning



Military  
Credit

Training  
Credit

Credit  
by  
Exam

Portfolio  
Credit



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# CPL Collaboration Across Stakeholders



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# *Catalyst for the Conversation*

- **AB 2462 (Block 2012)**
- **Provisions established under § 66025.7 of the California Education Code:**

***“...the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, using common course descriptors and pertinent recommendations of the American Council on Education, shall determine for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience.”***



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# *CCCCO Survey – March 2016*



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AWARDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDIT  
FOR PRIOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Report and Findings:

Military Credit Survey,  
March 2016

June 2016

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# **CCCCO College Survey**

- **113 colleges surveyed**
- **3 surveys conducted Nov 2014 to Mar 2016**
- **96 colleges participated**
- **102 unduplicated courses reported**
- **Units of Credit Awarded: 0.5 to 10**



# Course Identifiers and C-ID Descriptors

- **Colleges requested to specify the Course Identification Descriptor, if applicable**
- **Top 3 Reported**
  - **Physical Education**
  - **Administration of Justice**
  - **Information Technology**





# Course Identifiers – SOC Codes

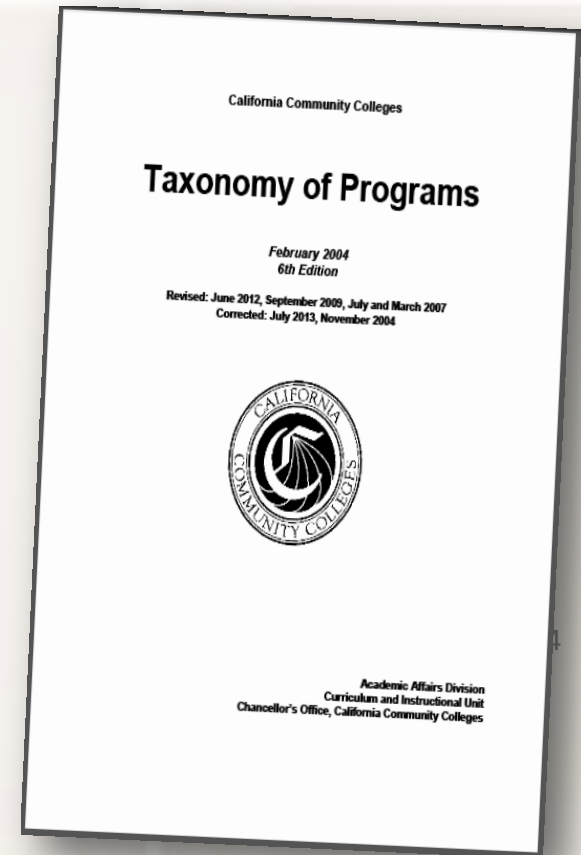
- Colleges requested to specify respective service members Opportunity College (SOC) Code, if applicable
- Top 3 Reported
  - Accounting
  - Administration of Justice
  - Automotive





# Course Identifiers – TOP Code

- **Courses classified according to their respective Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) Code**
- **Top 3 Reported**
  - Physical Education
  - Office Technology
  - Automotive





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# Courses Frequently Reported Among C-ID, SOC, and TOP Codes



- **Administration of Justice**



- **Business and Management**



- **Information Technology**



## *Top 10 Colleges Based on Average VMS Enrollment in 2015-16*

Institution	VMS Enrollment
Solano	7171
Palomar	4880
San Diego Mesa	3339
American River	2985
San Francisco	2588
Mira Costa	2425
Southwestern	2287
Mt San Jacinto	2120
San Diego Miramar	2107
Saddleback	2091
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31,993</b>





# *Top 10 Instructional Program TOP codes for VMS System-wide, 2015-16*

<b>Instructional Program Codes</b>	<b>Program Awards</b>
<b>Transfer Studies – 490110</b>	781
<b>Administration of Justice – 210500</b>	605
<b>Biological and Physical Sciences (and Mathematics) 490200</b>	541
<b>Business Administration – 050500</b>	518
<b>Liberal Arts and Sciences, General – 490100</b>	506
<b>Social Sciences, General – 220100</b>	331
<b>Business Management – 050600</b>	238
<b>Fire Technology – 213300</b>	189
<b>Automotive Technology – 094800</b>	183
<b>Liberal Studies – 490120</b>	162
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,054</b>



## ***Innovation Award- Saddleback College Veterans-Credit Articulation Track (V-CAT)***

- \$2M over 5 years
- Focus on faculty and regional needs
- Award Goals:
  - Increase knowledge of ACE and military training/coursework among faculty in CA CCs and CSUs
  - **Minimize CTE and transfer pathways for veterans to maximize use of VA benefits in the public CA systems**
  - Create online open source repository for articulated courses/MOSS
  - **Enhance Understanding of DoD Training and Experiences by IHLs and Workforce**
  - **Build Trust Across IHL/ DoD Sectors**





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## **V-CAT Origins**

- Environmental Scan
  - Veterans Services
  - Existing CPL Initiatives
- Region VIII Veterans Program Director Consortium
- Regional CPL Collaboratives within National Veterans Space
- Joint Advocacy and Professional Development

## **V-CAT Benefits**

- 35% of GI Bill users in CA at for-profit universities
- Merely 36 months of GI Bill
- Wasting faculty and student instructional time for potentially redundant curriculum



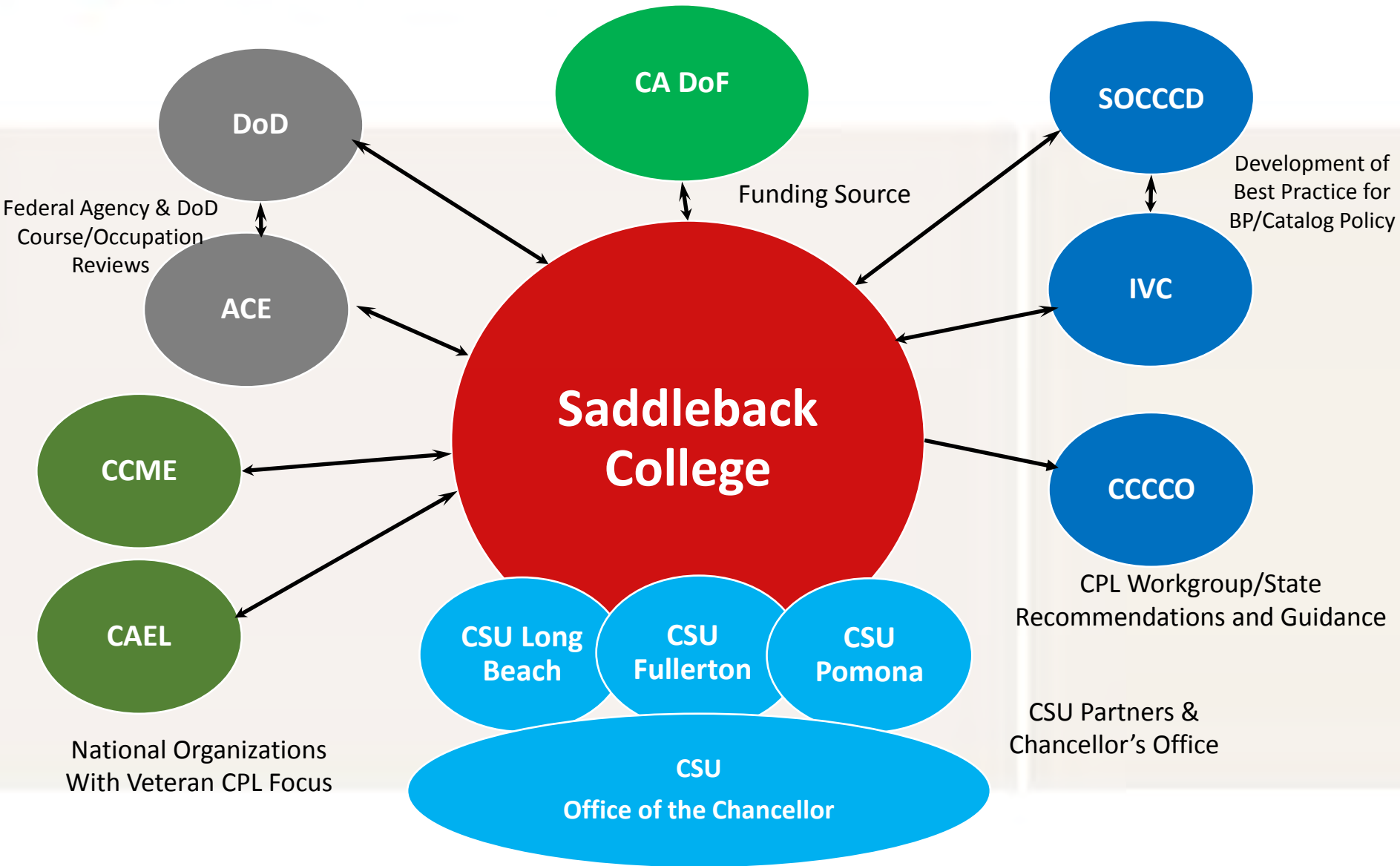


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## **V-CAT Partners**

- Saddleback College
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Cal State Fullerton
- Cal State Long Beach
- **Cal State University Chancellor's Office**
- CCCCCO
- ACE/ Department of Defense
- Faculty, Faculty, Faculty!!!
  - 10+1 Foundations







# ***Innovation Award- Saddleback College Veterans-Credit Articulation Track (V-CAT)***

## **Process for faculty review**

- 1. PI research**
- 2. Course/MOS selections**
- 3. Discipline faculty recruitment**
- 4. Faculty training**
- 5. Panel reviews and recommendations**
- 6. PI review/feedback to panel in needed**
- 7. Routing to AO for review**
- 8. Submission to database**
- 9. Repeat again for each term**





# Innovation Award- Saddleback College Veterans-Credit Articulation Track (V-CAT)



## V-CAT Faculty Panel Feedback Form

### Military Occupation / Coursework Information

ACE Exhibit/ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ACE Course Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Learning:  Military Occupation  Military Course

URL Link (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

ACE Recommended Credit: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information or Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Suggested Credit – Click On or Check All That Are Applicable

- No Credit Equivalency
- Saddleback College Elective Equivalency
- CSU Elective Equivalency
- Saddleback College General Education Equivalency
- CSU General Education Equivalency
- Saddleback College Direct Course Equivalency
- CSU General Direct Course Equivalency

Please Enter Rationale for Above Recommendation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Faculty Panelist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Panelist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Please Print and Add the ACE Course Exhibit to This Form

Most of this two page form can be filled in electronically.

Instructions for Department Chair/Faculty Panelist: After completion of this form please submit physical copy to Gary Barnak or email digital form with signatures to Gary Barnak (#6862) ([gbarnak@saddleback.edu](mailto:gbarnak@saddleback.edu)) and Terence Nelson (#4473) ([tnelson14@saddleback.edu](mailto:tnelson14@saddleback.edu)).



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## **Successes to Date**

- Articulation Agreements
  - Electronics Technology
  - Languages
  - Computer Sciences
- JST Repository Project
- Catalog Policy Proposed Research
- Increased Collaboration
  - Intersegmental
  - National Organizations
- Increased CPL Dialog in CCCC and CSU Systems







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## **Revealing Gaps**

- Regionally accredited DoD coursework treated like non-collegiate coursework
- Catalog policies and administrative regulations
  - Vary tremendously
  - Unit ceilings are far too low in some districts
  - Credit is given upfront hurting many veterans
- International students vs prior military
- No dedicated funding/support for faculty or AOs to do this vital work for re-entry adult students





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## **Our Progress**

- Follow Our Webpage:
  - [www.saddleback.edu/vets/pathways-completion-v-cat](http://www.saddleback.edu/vets/pathways-completion-v-cat)
- Contact Us Directly
  - [tnelson14@saddleback.edu](mailto:tnelson14@saddleback.edu)
  - [gbarnak@saddleback.edu](mailto:gbarnak@saddleback.edu)
- Nudge Your Local CC and CSU to Follow Our Progress and Consider Adding Articulation Pathways





# *Questions? Comments?*





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*Thank you!*

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