CCC OEI Announces 24 Colleges for Pilot Launch of Statewide Program

The California Community Colleges (CCC) Online Education Initiative (OEI) has announced its selection of 24 colleges that will participate in the OEI's pilot launch phase slated to take place from Fall 2014 through Spring 2016. Additional colleges will be selected to participate in the OEI at a later date to be determined as it grows in its focused effort to provide more online education opportunities and education support services to students across the state of California.

The 24 pilot colleges are divided into the following groups:

Full Launch Colleges: Butte College, Coastline Community College, Foothill College, Shasta College, Fresno City College, Lake Tahoe Community College, Mt. San Jacinto College and Ventura College.

Student Readiness Staging Group: Antelope Valley College, Cabrillo College, College of the Canyons, Monterey Peninsula College, West Los Angeles College, Rio Hondo College, MiraCosta College and Hartnell College.

Tutoring Staging Group: Imperial Valley College, Ohlone College, Columbia College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Saddleback College, Barstow Community College, Mt. San Antonio College and Victor Valley College.

Criteria used to select the pilot colleges included:

• Use of Open CCCApply, a systemwide online application and identification system for California Community Colleges admission and financial aid (see http://home.cccapply.org/)

• Established online degree programs that could contribute knowledge and best practices based on experience

• Established professional development programs that assist faculty members with online education-oriented pedagogical and student services concerns

• Geographical location (north, south, central), and size of student population (small, medium, large)

• Diversity of course management systems (CMS), important for learning about the best practices, features and functions of the different systems in order to inform the ultimate selection of a common CMS.

• Accreditation status

• Capacity, in terms of faculty and staff, to add more online courses

• Pilot involvement in related CCC projects, the Common Assessment Initiative (CAI) (http://cccassess.org/) and Educational Planning Initiative (EPI) (http://cccedplan.org/).

The goals of the OEI are to engage these pilot colleges in the launch and implementation of a sophisticated online education system that will increase student access to online courses throughout California as well as improve student retention and success rates. For updates and additional information about the OEI, please visit www.ccconlineed.org.

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