



## December 2025 Workforce & Economic Development Division Program Updates

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### ❖ Workforce & Economic Development Division Announcements

- **Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant Application** is due **December 15, 2025**. Additional details shared within the *Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant* section below.
- **Funding Opportunity: Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Implementation:**

Funding is available for each California Community College and each noncredit institution to receive \$50,000 to support local CPL implementation and priority outcomes.

- The Chief Instructional Officer for each institution wishing to receive funding must [submit this required certification survey by Jan. 15, 2026](#).
- For additional details, see the Credit for Prior Learning Funding (2025-26) memo to be posted at [WEDD Memos | California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office](#).
- For questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Samuel Lee at [slee@cccco.edu](mailto:slee@cccco.edu).

### ❖ California Adult Education Program (CAEP)

- **December 2025**
  - **December 1, 2025:** 2025-26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q1).
  - **December 1, 2025:** July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, Instructional Hours and Expenses by Program Area due (actuals) in NOVA and certified by Consortium.
  - **December 31, 2025:** 2025-26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q1).
  - **December 31, 2025:** End of Q2.
- **English Language Learner (ELL) Healthcare Pathways**
  - Round 3 ELL HP Request for Application (RFA) is set to be released in December 2025. Stay tuned for updates.

- Deadlines for biannual reports can be found on the [Chancellor's Office CAEP webpage](#) under the ELL Healthcare Pathways accordion.
  - Technical assistance support has been launched. Visit the CAEP [caladulthood.org](http://caladulthood.org) [event webpage](#) to sign up for virtual office hours, webinars, and community practice upcoming events.
- **CAEP Technical Assistance Project )TAP Events**
    - **December 3, 2025**
      - [ELL Healthcare Pathways Strategies for Culturally and Linguistically Accessible Programs](#)
      - 1:00 PM - 12/3/2025
    - **December 18, 2025**
      - [ELL Healthcare Pathways Virtual Open Office Hours - December 2025](#)
      - 12:00 PM - 12/18/2025
    - **January 14, 2026**
      - [2025-26 New CAEP Consortium Leads and Administrator Onboarding](#)
      - 10:00 AM - 1/14/2026
    - **February 19, 2026**
      - [ELL Healthcare Pathways Community of Practice - Feb 2026](#)
      - 1:00 PM - 2/19/2026
  - Please address any questions to [caep@cccco.edu](mailto:caep@cccco.edu).

## ❖ Apprenticeship

- **California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)**
  - The [CAI RFA](#) is now open until January 30, 2026 at 5pm. This program is intended to support the growth in non-traditional apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities. Please visit the [CAI webpage](#) to view the recorded bidders' conference and access additional resources, such as the [CAI Allowable Expenditures](#) and [CAI FAQ](#).
  - The Foundation for California Community Colleges and the LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network have been contracted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to provide technical assistance to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The Foundation will support general technical assistance needs and can be reached at [apprenticeshipsupportnetwork@foundationccc.org](mailto:apprenticeshipsupportnetwork@foundationccc.org), while LAUNCH will provide specialized support in areas such as employer engagement and program sponsorship at [justin@launchapprenticeship.org](mailto:justin@launchapprenticeship.org).
  - The Apprenticeship Team will continue to meet twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. Each focused session will provide a short overview of the topic, cover frequently asked questions, and open the floor for participant Q&A.

General sessions remain open for any apprenticeship-related questions or technical assistance.

- December 23, 2025 – General Session

- Apprenticeship toolkits are now available in the resources section of [our webpage](#).
- **Please address any questions to [apprenticeship@cccoco.edu](mailto:apprenticeship@cccoco.edu).**

#### ❖ **Economic and Workforce Development (EWD)**

- No new updates. Happy Holidays!
- **Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at [kgilks@cccoco.edu](mailto:kgilks@cccoco.edu).**

#### ❖ **High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Partnerships Grants**

- **Announcements**
  - **Round 1** grantees have received a no-cost extension for their grants to end on 9/30/26 (the same end date as the **Round 2** grants).
- **Upcoming Dates**
  - **1/31/26:** 2025-26 Q2 fiscal reports (in NOVA) are due for Round 2 grantees.
- **Please address any questions to Jen Carnine at [jcarnine@cccoco.edu](mailto:jcarnine@cccoco.edu).**

#### ❖ **Strong Workforce Program (SWP)**

- Dr. Paige Mustain has been hired as a new WEDD Dean effective December 2, 2025. Dr. Mustain will oversee SWP, K12 SWP, EWD. Contact at [pmustain@cccoco.edu](mailto:pmustain@cccoco.edu).
- **AB 323 Direct Student Support**
  - Under AB 323, colleges may use SWP funds to provide direct financial support for paid WBL experiences, including apprenticeships, internships, externships, and student-run enterprises. These opportunities are intended to improve employability and employment outcomes for students enrolled in SWP. Colleges are encouraged to design programs that align with regional labor market needs and to prioritize equitable access for traditionally underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students.
  - **[Guidance Memo released 11/7/2025](#).**
  - AB 323 applies to SWP only. K12 SWP is excluded.
- **FY2025-26 Allocation**
  - Regional/Local project plans to allocate all funds were due in NOVA by **October 31, 2025**.
  - Regional Monitor review/approval is due **December 1, 2025**.

- Unallocated and unspent balances are reported to the Legislative Analyst Office and Department of Finance as requested. Please ensure all fiscal reporting is up to date in NOVA.
- **Please address any questions to [strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu](mailto:strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu)**

❖ **K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)**

- Dr. Paige Mustain has been hired as a new WEDD Dean effective December 2, 2025. Dr. Mustain will oversee SWP, K12 SWP, EWD. Contact at [pmustain@cccco.edu](mailto:pmustain@cccco.edu).
- **FY 2025-26 RFA** was released on August 18, 2025.
  - Application window closed October 10, 2025.
  - K12 Selection Committees review period concludes on November 20, 2025
  - K12 SWP preliminary awards announced by Regional Consortia on November 21, 2025.
  - Round 8 Appeals due to SWP Regional Consortia by December 12, 2025.
  - Regional Consortia release Intent to Award to LEAs by December 19, 2025.
  - K12 SWP project term begins on January 1, 2026.
  - K12 SWP project term ends on June 30, 2028.
- **FY 2025-26 RFA Allocation Update**
  - Recalculated allocation certified for apportionment for Advanced Apportionment. Payments expected late December/early January.
- **Please address any questions to [k12swp@cccco.edu](mailto:k12swp@cccco.edu).**

❖ **Nursing and Allied Health**

- **Allied Health**
  - Fall/Winter Reporting for FY25-26 due on January 31, 2026. NOVA reporting will be available by the end of December.
- **Nursing**
  - **Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure RFA Round 2**
    - Bidder’s Conference held on December 3, 2025, at 2PM. Recording will be available on the WEDD RFA website.
    - Office Hours will be held on December 11, 2025, at 10AM. Registration link is available [here](#).
    - RFA questions due by December 17 at 5:00PM.
    - Applications due in NOVA by January 16, 2026 by 11:59 PM.
- **Please address any questions to [nursingapps@cccco.edu](mailto:nursingapps@cccco.edu).**

## ❖ Perkins V

### ▪ Title IC Local Assistance

- **FY 2025-26 Quarter 1 Reporting is past due.**

As a note to pending districts: Failure to submit the Quarter 1 report will prevent your district from receiving reimbursement and may result in a risk assessment. The district should reach out to its [regional monitor](#) to share any questions and/or concerns regarding meeting this date.

- **January 5, 2026:** Section 132 Preliminary Report 1 & 2 will be available in NOVA. Remember that the 2026-27 Perkins V Title IC local allocation will be based on the student counts in report 1.
- **January 15, 2026:** 2nd Qtr. Report for fiscal year 2025-26 is due.

### ▪ FY 2026-27 CLNA and 1C Local Application:

As a reminder, districts are required to submit their updated CLNA within their FY 2026-27 local application. Please refer to the current guidance as also posted on the Perkins website:

- [Perkins FY 2026-27 Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Guidance Memorandum \(PDF\)](#), November 24, 2025
- [Perkins V CLNA Reporting Framework for California Community Colleges \(Template\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Appendix C: Key Questions to Ask](#)

### ▪ Non-Traditional Programs:

There is an opportunity for professional development with National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) with a focus on “Achieving Education and Workforce Excellence” For more information and registration, go to <https://napesummit.org/register/>.

### ▪ Perkins V Out-of-State Travel Requests:

For all out of state travel requests, please submit using the current the [Perkins Out-of-State Travel Request Authorization Form](#). Requests for travel should be submitted for approval via email to your regional monitor once they contain sufficient detail to support a thorough review. This includes:

- A clearly defined purpose for the out-of-state travel
- How attendance will benefit CTE programs as shared in the local application
- How attendance will benefit the State
- An explanation for why the traveler cannot receive similar training or opportunities in the State

Including this information in travel requests is critical in providing the Chancellor’s Office with the necessary level of detail in case of an audit.

- Please address any questions to [perkinsupport@cccco.edu](mailto:perkinsupport@cccco.edu)

## ❖ Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant (Round 2)

- Applications are due in NOVA **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm PDT.**

- RFA Resources shared on our [WEDD Grant Opportunities](#) website
- Please address questions to [regionalcoordination@cccoco.edu](mailto:regionalcoordination@cccoco.edu)

#### ❖ **Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)**

- **Announcements**
  - RERP grant ended on **September 30, 2025**. All grant deliverables are now overdue. If any of the following items are outstanding, please submit them right away:
    - End of Term report in NOVA
    - Final student-level data submission
    - Final invoice (please do not submit this until all other grant deliverables have been met)
  - Final NOVA report, student-level data, and invoices were due **October 31, 2025**.
- **Please address any questions to Jen Carnine at [jcarnine@cccoco.edu](mailto:jcarnine@cccoco.edu).**