

Common Assessment Initiative (CAI)

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CAI Overarching Goal

- To develop a comprehensive, common assessment system that will:
 - align to state legislation
 - reduce unnecessary remediation
 - provide statewide efficiencies
 - effectively support faculty and staff to ensure accurate student placement, resulting in more successful student outcomes



Key Objectives

- A test that covers curricular areas of
 - Math
 - English
 - English as a second language (ESL)
- Multiple Measures
- Assessment Preparation (with EPI/OEI)
- Professional Development
- Integrate data across the system



Work to Date

- Launch initiative project website – January 2014
 - www.cccassess.org
- Establish Governance – March 2014
 - Stakeholder representation
- Environmental scan – May 2014
- Pilot College Application and Selection – May 2014
- Request For Information (RFI) – June 2014
- Work Group formation and meetings – June 2014



Work to Date

- Vendor Selection
 - Unicon, Inc. – software development
 - Platform
 - Administration
 - Link Systems, Inc. (LSI) – World Wide Test Bank
 - English
 - Math
 - ESL



Work Groups

- Math (includes above college-ready)
- English (includes Reading)
- ESL (includes Noncredit)
- Multiple Measures
- Professional Development
- Test Development Process
- Platform (User Interface, Reporting)



Writing Samples

- ASCCC Human Scoring Resolution
- What will be offered to colleges
- Locally controlled factors
- Portability



Multiple Measures

- Environmental Scan Recommendations
- Follow-up on Non-cognitive measures
- Overlap with Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP)
 - Currently convening
 - Pilot college overlap
- Research to come



Assessment, Not Placement

- No traditional cut scores
- Placement is locally determined
- Validation steps
 - Statewide
 - Local



Pilot Phase

- Two components
 - Test
 - Data collection and Validation
 - Technology/Platform
 - Student information system interface
- Professional Development
- Iterative process



Pilot Colleges Selected

- Bakersfield College
- Butte College
- Chaffey College
- DeAnza College
- Delta College
- Diablo Valley College
- Fresno City College
- Rio Hondo College
- Sacramento City College
- Saddleback College
- Santa Monica College
- West Los Angeles College



Launch and Implementation

- Pilot Colleges then Early Adopters
- External factors for phased implementation
 - Existing contracts
 - College resources
- Ongoing support and continued validation



Integration into SIS

- Statewide Data Warehouse
- Web-based portal
 - Student Services Portal (EPI)
- Local integration points
- IT considerations



Professional Development

- User types
 - IT/Software interface
 - Assessment Center staff
 - Faculty including Counselors
 - Research
- Local control factors
- Saddleback College as project lead
- PD Advisory Committee – with EPI/OEI



Timeline

- Summer 2015
 - Pilot Phase Begins
- Spring 2016
 - Field testing and test validation
- Fall 2016
 - Release and Implementation
 - Ongoing feedback and development
- Success!



Important Points

- Common Assessment, not Common Placement
- Opportunities for participation
- Communication and feedback
- Support for the work going forward



Questions?

Thank you
For the invitation and opportunity



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