Articulation and Adult Learners Work Group

May 16, 2016, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Northern Illinois University, Altgeld Hall, Room 225
Call in Number – 815.753.0010

Attendees: Anne Birberick (NIU, co-chair), Amy Jo Clemens (NIU), John Cowan (NIU), Laurie Cubit (MCC), Judy Doyle (NIU), Janet Matheney (SVCC), Travis McGuire (HBR), Debbie Pixton (NIU), Robin Schiffman (IVCC), Jane Smith (COD), Donna Stewart (COD), Meryl Sussman (NIU, co-chair), Melinda Tejada (WCC, co-chair)

Notes
Illinois Articulation Initiative
- Anne Birberick will continue working with Malinda Aeillo (IBHE) on modifying the IAI paper by September 8. The new version will make recommendations on a scope of work and the budget needed to support the IAI in articulating the ways current IAI courses build on the Illinois Learning Standards at K-12 and making this information publicly available and easily accessible on the website for all content areas.
- The group will continue to monitor HB 5729, as we expect there to be implications for our competency based education deliverable coming out of this legislation.

Illinois Prior Learning Assessment Alliance
- Drafting a survey on prior learning assessment to inventory what goes on at each institution. The survey is tailored to collect information about shared obstacles that might be addressed collectively. It will be disseminated June 1 and will be open for two weeks. Results will be discussed at the IPLAA meeting on June 21.
- Research commissioned to benchmark best practices in prior learning assessment at peer institutions in the Mid-America Conference, regionally and nationally. This research will include an attempt at de-mystifying the language being used and how faculty are being engaged in expanding prior learning assessment programs.
- Based on the outcomes of this research, the group will consider hosting a conference or workshop with a best speaker to share best practices and network. The conference may have a faculty facing focus as a way to begin a faculty engagement focus on developing awareness, sharing best-practices and an opportunity for faculty discussion.

Next Meeting: By phone after July 15

Meeting Materials
Documents related to this topic are posted online at www.niu.edu/p20network. Click on the Work Groups tab and then on the Articulation and Adult Learners Work Group. Feel free to send links to other documents that you recommend for this group to Debbie Pixton (dpixton@niu.edu).

2016 Expectations
**Goal:** Create seamless transitions across the education continuum from cradles to careers.

**Joint Objectives and Deliverables**

- Complete draft of IAI policy paper and discuss recommendations. Report recommendations to improve articulation.
- Collaborate with the regional eportfolio consortium (IREP) to develop a consistent, regional process for eportfolios that works across levels and incorporates documentation of learning done outside of an academic setting. Report recommended uses of eportfolios.
- Launch the IPLAA to implement PLA at individual institutions but permit transfer of credits across the alliance.
  - Share a list of active partners in the IPLAA and the common issues that have been identified for collective consideration.
  - Identify next steps for engaging faculty in discussions on prior learning assessment.
- Organize regional study of PARCC results and make recommendations for use in placement. On hold until information on the utility of PARCC results for postsecondary placement is available.