

CPL as a Strategy: Career Mobility and Credential Completion

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Build alignment in Continuing Education (CE) to Curriculum (CU)

Match student learning objectives – BioWork (152hrs) = BPM 110 (5 cr) + BTC 181 (3)

Stack CPL into certificates through AAS – Internal college approval required

External website to document and build foundation

Make CPL intentional and easy

Complete institution CPL process and CU application during class

Ideally automatically award CPL and invite students to continue their learning path

Visit learning spaces – Customized Training, CE

You achieve what you measure

23% CE to CU with BioWork and Bioprocess Technology AAS since 2020

Ranges from 12-36% each semester

Increase % as time goes on, Increase % with QC Certificate that Industry built with us

State-wide alignment and Workforce Pell

NCCCS CPL Website – BioWork = Minimum of BPM 110 or BTC 181

Workforce Pell – Hours alignment



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