WHAT IS CPL? Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is a practice used by institutions at or close to the time of a student’s admission to award academic credit for demonstrated competency and mastery earned in other settings—such as independent study, noncredit courses, work experience, licensure or certification, or a credit by examination program. According to studies, CPL can help more students graduate.

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

1 in 5 Americans of working age has some college credit but no degree.

75% of today’s students are juggling some combination of families, jobs, and school while commuting to campus.

Veterans are more likely than non-veterans to have earned some college credit. They are also:

- less likely to have earned bachelor’s degrees
- more likely to be unemployed

WHO IS IT IMPORTANT?

75% of Americans would be more likely to enroll in a higher education program if they could receive credit for what they already know.

Adult students awarded CPL were 2.5 times more likely to persist in their education and complete their degrees than students who received no credit for their prior learning.

By 2020, there will be 55 million job openings.

WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS?

Only 27% of 2- and 4-year institutions grant academic credit to students for learning obtained outside the college classroom.

65% will require some postsecondary education. Our current system will fail to produce those skilled workers, falling short by 5 million postsecondary credentials.

Learn more at www.pearsonhighered.com/credit-for-prior-learning and www.acenet.edu/CEAI