



Access, Quality, Completion

The **Online Education Initiative (OEI)** is a collaborative effort among California Community Colleges (CCCs) to **increase student success and completion** by working together to increase access to **quality online courses and support services for students**.

GOALS: Ensure that more students can obtain certificates, degrees, and transfer to four-year colleges in a timely manner. Special attention is given to support services that are tailored to the diverse needs of community college students.

KEY TO SUCCESS: Strong involvement of stakeholders throughout the CCC system. The OEI Steering Committee is represented by leaders from all facets of our system, including faculty, distance education coordinators, support staff, administrators, and students. The initial implementation involves 24 pilot colleges representing the diversity of colleges. The OEI management team collectively has over 75 years of CCC experience.

BENEFITS:

- **Expand student access to quality online courses** by providing support for course improvements aligned with common quality standards and by facilitating cross-college enrollment
- **Increase student success and completion with support and services** such as tutoring, online learning readiness, and basic skills support
- **Encourage faculty and staff involvement** with professional development, instructional design support, networking, and content resources
- **Improved access to courses and services** through an innovative common online learning environment
- **Leverage cost** through systemwide licensing

TIMELINE:

Over the next two years, pilot colleges will begin offering online courses within the selected common course management system. All faculty and staff will have opportunities for collaboration and professional development starting in Spring 2015. Upon successful completion of the pilots, all California Community Colleges will have access to online learning readiness modules and tutoring solutions for free or at reduced cost. By 2016, the common course management system will also be available to all colleges for free or at reduced cost.

OEI PARTNERSHIP:

The OEI is sponsored by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, in partnership with the CCC Technology Center at Butte College as recipients of the grant disbursed by the CCC Chancellor's Office. In collaboration with the Educational Planning Initiative and Common Assessment Initiative, the Online Education Initiative represents a comprehensive and collaborative program that leverages best practices and technology to significantly increase the opportunity for higher education degree attainment in California.

More Information: **CCOnlineEd.org**

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