

### Academic Credit for Prior Learning October 2018

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- **Background:** What is ACPL? Why is it important?
- Accomplishments
- ACPL in 2017-2018
- Discussion: What would you like to see in the coming years?
  - Washington information
  - Training and support
  - Other recommendations
- Washington Adult Reengagement Initiative
  - What is it?
  - Summit 11/28



**Prior learning** is the knowledge and skills gained through:

- Work and life experience.
- Military training and experience.
- Formal and informal education and training.

### **Assessments** are used to determine if the prior learning is at college level:

Category	Examples
Credits by testing	CLEP, DSST
Extra-institutional learning	ACE recommendations, industry certifications, crosswalks
Course challenges	Written, oral or demonstration
Prior Experiential learning	Portfolio



- Outcomes are assessed and found to be equivalent to specific college course outcomes.
- Awarding credit is consistent with the policies of the institution.

### Limitations, portability and transparency:

- Prior <u>experiential</u> learning is limited to 25 percent of credits needed for a credential.
- Noted on college transcripts as *PEL*.
- Community and technical colleges ensure transferability of ACPL credits between them.



Help make college more affordable, reducing cost and time to degree

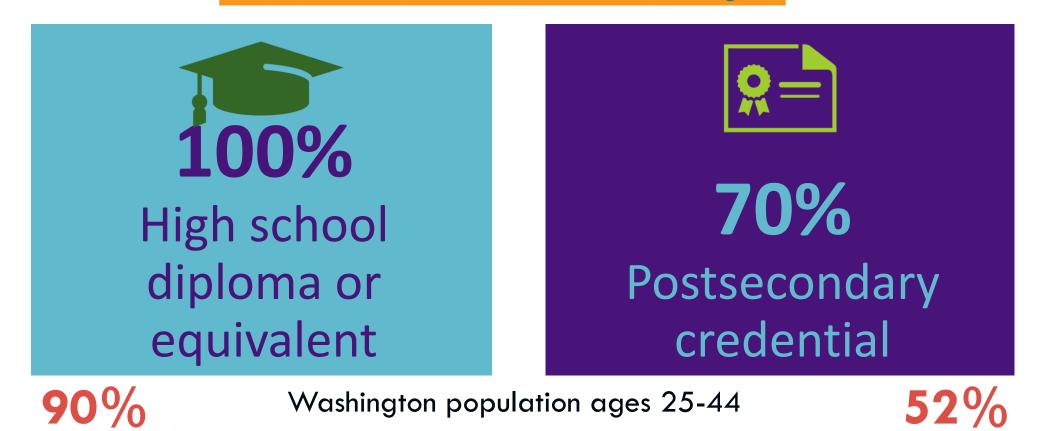
Inspire confidence in future learning potential

Launch students more quickly into their chosen career pathways



- 2010: SB6357
- 2011
  - ACPL work group
  - Goals
  - Annual progress report
- 2014
  - Military training policies
  - List of military training and programs that qualify for academic credit

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# Highlights of ACPL Work

- Workgroup members have been collaborative and engaged.
- Data collection:
  - Full participation last year (50 institutions)
  - Last year, increase in credits awarded: 41 percent.
- ACPL handbook and annual workshops:
  - Sample policies created.
  - Examples of assessments provided.
- WSAC webpage on ACPL

## 2017-2018 Data (80% Reporting)

Category	Program	Total Students	Total Quarter Credits
Credit by Testing	DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)	17	190.5
	College Level Exam Program (CLEP)	268	3,461.5
Prior Experiential Learning	Portfolio Review (college level credits)	173	1,805
Extra- Institutional Learning	American Council of Education (ACE) (military training and education)	804	19,749.5
	Occupational Crosswalks (Military MOS, other)	500	14,689
	Individual Industry Cert (e.g. NCLEX-RN)	485	11,320
Course Challenges	Credit by Exam (generally a faculty or department- created course-specific assessment)	350	2,527
Totals students and credits		2,597	53,742.5

## Recommended Actions 2016-2017

- 1. Streamline data collection process.
- 2. Develop more consistent acceptance of American Council on Education (ACE) guide military recommendations.
- 3. Increase adoption of crosswalks between industry training and certifications and college courses.
- 4. Explore opportunities to develop education or learning modules to fill gaps between existing industry or military training and college courses.
- 5. Conduct further analysis of enrollment of veterans, and academic credit for military training.
- 6. Continue to convene the ACPL work group on a regular basis.

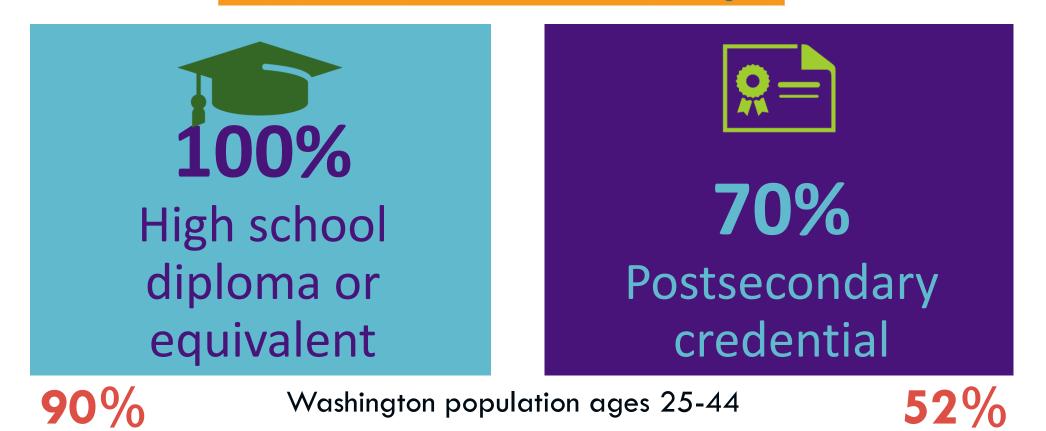
## Discussion on Developing ACPL

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### **ACPL work group and learning opportunities:**

- 1. Additional recommendations?
- 1. Training or professional development?

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### Key Challenge Areas Toward Long-term Goals

### Close Opportunity Gaps

Remove system barriers for underserved students Provide support for underrepresented students

#### Support Regional Leaders

Address regional workforce shortagesEngage and support communities

#### **Reconnect Adult Learners**

Recruit and support adult learners
Target former students with credits

Provide Affordable High-Quality Pathways

Provide multiple high-quality pathwaysAddress financing and affordability gaps





Provide information and support to recruit, retain, and graduate adults who have not completed a credential.



Target Washington residents who have earned college credit without completing a credential.

## Adult Reengagement Summit & Pave the Way

# Adult Reengagement Summit SAVE THE DATE November 28, 2018



University of Washington, Seattle Husky Union Building



This year's Pave the Way Conference: November 29 University of Washington, Seattle Husky Union Building



### WSAC's ACPL webpages:

https://www.wsac.wa.gov/assessments-priorlearning

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