Information Session: Pell for Workforce Programs Application - Q&A

1. **I have recently seen a new FAQ come out that seems to indicate that noncredit programs can be eligible. So CE will be possible in the future?**

   Response: *Yes, we hope to establish guidance for CE programs in the future and will be working with the Non-credit TF to both receive feedback as more federal guidance is issued.*

   Additional Resource - Question 12 from the ED's Workforce Pell FAQs also touches on this:

   12. Can an eligible workforce program be offered as a noncredit program as long as the coursework is not remedial? Yes. Noncredit eligible workforce programs are considered as clock hour programs under the new regulations and must meet the usual clock hour program requirements that apply to other eligible Title IV programs. For example, the institution must monitor each student's attendance in a clock hour program and cannot make subsequent disbursements of Pell Grant funds until the student successfully completes a certain number of clock hours.

   Additionally, the eligible workforce program must lead to a recognized credential provided by the school. While the program is not required to confer credits, governors are required to certify that completion results in credits toward certificates or degrees at either your institution or at another institution. Thus, you may need to have an articulation agreement.

2. **For SBCTC: For program SOC codes, do we need to provide based on the NCES national cip-soc crosswalk, or can we provide specific ones based on what our faculty provide?**

   Response: *Generally, yes, we are relying on the NCES CIP-SOC crosswalk.*

3. **When looking through the approved occupations we did not see 292042 - Emergency Medical Technicians. However, this was one that we saw approved in other states. Can you explain why this occupation was not approved here in WA?**

   Response: *This occupation did not meet the definition for high growth in Washington state.*

4. **For SBCTC- What is the due date for Workforce pell application?**

   Response: *We would need to have a form submitted by November 3 for this cycle to meet the WSAC submission date of November 6. However, the PAR portal will be accepting WF Pell Applications on a rolling basis going forward so that we can verify program eligibility even when the Governor's designation window isn't open, in anticipation of the next cycle for review.*

5. **How soon will we have the recording?**

   Response: *Week of November 2nd.*

6. **If my program is 160 hours but not 8 weeks are we eligible**

   Response: *Programs must be both under 600 hours and 8-14 weeks.*