### IMPLEMENTING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT



Once you know what programs and services you want to offer—and you have built a movement of informed staff to support it—it's time to develop your implementation plan. CAEL can bring its knowledge as an innovator in learning assessment and its research-driven principles for serving adults to your planning table.



## PLA CONSULTING SERVICES

We can help decode and discover obstacles in your PLA policies, create a plan for training faculty and advisors, launch outreach and marketing campaigns and simplify process flows and pricing structures for PLA to encourage its use by adult students.

### Preparing for Accreditation Review

If you are preparing for an accreditation review, ensure that your adult focused programs meet the highest standards. CAEL is the foremost authority on adult learners and prior learning assessment policies and practices.

What you will receive:

- CAEL provides a written report of its findings and recommendations.
- CAEL will identify areas that need to be addressed prior to your accreditation visit.
- CAEL will work with your faculty to develop a systematic assessment that is consistent with your policies and CAEL's PLA standards.

#### **DEVELOP EXPERTS WHO LEAD**

As you implement PLA, at least one staff member must lead the way as the advocate for adult students. To be effective, these champions and changers need to expand their existing knowledge of PLA. We train them to turn ideas into actions and help them design processes that decode PLA in a way that garners institution-wide support.

For more information, contact Scott Campbell at 312-499-2399 or scampbell@cael.org



#### IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE PLA PROGRAM WORKSHOP

If faculty and administrators at your institution have a basic understanding of PLA, they can expand their knowledge with this workshop. It examines institutional context, sheds light on principles of organizational change, and makes sense of research on the impact of PLA practices. Everyone who participates will be able to share how academic standards are embedded in learning that occurs outside the classroom.



# PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT ONLINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Offered in partnership with DePaul University, this program provides faculty and administrators with the basic tools they need to implement a PLA program. The program is web-based, allowing you to participate at any time, from any place. The PLA certificate program consists of workshops, each with 4-7 modules.

Completion of the first two workshops leads to a Certificate of Professional Achievement as a Prior Learning Assessor. Successful completion of all four facilitated workshops results in a Certificate of Mastery in Prior Learning Assessment.

#### BUILD A POOL OF CERTIFIED ASSESSORS

#### Faculty Assessor Certification

Portfolio assessment is the most flexible way to translate learning experiences into college credit. For this reason, it is also used in many CBE programs. We train faculty to understand the relationship between assessing learning and classroom assignments and discover ways to provide clear and supportive feedback to students. Completion of the webinar, workshop and proficiency assessment means you become a CAEL Certified Assessor.

# OPTIONS OFFERED ONSITE AT INSTITUTIONS OR FOR INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

#### Get it All at the Annual Conference

All of the workshops outlined above are held as pre-conference sessions at the CAEL conference, along with keynote sessions and workshops offered throughout the conference, all focused on adult learning.

#### Become a Member

Workshops, including onsite customized sessions, and the conference are discounted substantially when you are a CAEL member.

