

Director's Report

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Ability to Benefit webinar

SBCTC held the Ability to Benefit Co-enrollment webinar on Wednesday, October 28th. Well over 100 participants from BEdA, Financial Aid, and Enrollment service joined together to learn how to unlock the potential of the co-enrollment option on their campuses. Director for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Ha Nguyen connected the work to equity through the system [vision statement](#) and [strategic plan](#). BEdA looks forward to providing continued technical assistance to colleges in implementation of the new option.

Grant funds for student tuition

Codes have been released for Master and IELCE Grants to be used for student tuition. As a reminder here is the basic guidance on use of grant funds for student tuition:

Master Grant and IELCE funds can/cannot be used to fund tuition for the "T" training piece for IET and IELCE Title II eligible students under the following circumstances:

1. If the instruction (faculty) of the credit-bearing/college-level and the basic skills courses are not paid for with basic skills funds, then the tuition for the "training or college-level" courses can be paid with Master Grant or IELCE funds.
2. If the basic skills instruction (faculty) is paid with basic skills funds, but the "training or college-level instruction" (faculty) is not paid with basic skills funds then tuition for the "training or college-level" courses can be paid for with Master Grant or IELCE funds.
3. If the instruction (faculty) for the "training or college-level" courses are paid with Master Grant or IELCE funds, then tuition cannot be paid.

Please note that Basic Skills tuition can never be paid for with Master Grant or IELCE funds.

Access to Higher Education Bill (HB 1715)

We have brought back the agency request bill HB 1715 with full support from OSPI. The bill revises state law RCW 28A.635.060 to remove grades and transcripts from being withheld due to unpaid fines in the K-12 system. This removes a critical barrier for Washingtonians with a K-12 fine on the books allowing them access to postsecondary education.

Creating Prison to Postsecondary Education Pathways (HB 2299)

We are also asking for consideration of HB 2299. The bill eliminates the language of "Associate Workforce Degrees" and changes it to "Post-Secondary Education," expanding student choice in degree pathways. The bill also opens Department of Corrections (DOC) partnerships to any accredited college/university and explores the use of secured internet for the purposes of furthering post-secondary education degree opportunities.

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As always, I am available anytime you need information, have a question, or would like to provide input on how we are doing. Please email me at wdurden@sbctc.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.