



COMMON ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

ASSESS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The **Common Assessment Initiative (CAI)** will benefit California Community College students, faculty, and staff. With centralized and integrated technology, the common assessment tool will provide assessment data that will enhance local placement decisions and reduce the need

CAI Objectives

- Develop a common test for English, Mathematics, and English as a Second Language for all California Community Colleges.
- Reduce the need for re-assessment of community college students by increasing the portability of the results.
- Increase the effectiveness and accuracy of test placement for students placing at or below college level.
- Lower unnecessary remediation rates for California community college students by improving initial placement results for students.
- Increase awareness of the importance of placement tests and improved student preparation.
- Assist colleges with efforts to improve local assessment and placement practices.
- Reduce the cost of assessment-related activities at the district/college level.
- Leverage Multiple Measures data and research to improve placement.

CAI Partnerships

The Common Assessment Initiative is being led through the collaborative efforts of the Academic Senate for CCC, Cal-PASS Plus, Saddleback College, and the CCC Technology Center at Butte College. The initiative is grant-funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Together, the Educational Planning Initiative, Common Assessment Initiative, and Online Education Initiative represent a comprehensive and collaborative program seeking to take advantage of technological tools to increase student completion rates and to provide more individuals with the opportunity to achieve higher education in California.

Timeline

2013/14 The CAI established the governance structure and recruited workgroups representative of a cross section of California Community Colleges.

2014/15 Through a competitive Request For Proposal (RFP) process, CAI selected Unicon to develop the platform and Link-Systems International (LSI) to create the assessment content. CAI finalized the competency maps that form the basis for test content and ultimately inform local placement decisions.

2015/16 Pilot colleges, working with their local implementation teams, began Spring 2016 pilot testing. Unicon and LSI developed Version 1 for field testing and began gathering feedback from pilot colleges.

Colleges Piloting CCCAssess

Bakersfield College
Butte College
Chaffey College
De Anza College
Diablo Valley College
Fresno City College
Rio Hondo College
Sacramento City College
Saddleback College
San Joaquin Delta College
Santa Monica College
West Los Angeles College

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