

Highlights of CCCIE's Work

Building a Contextualized English Language Training Program for the Workplace

CCCIE is a national partner in the <u>English At Work</u> initiative, developed by the National Immigration Forum with foundation and employer support. This unique collaboration has created a first-of-its-kind scalable, contextualized English-language-learning program utilizing online and in-person training methods, with the goal of helping businesses improve their employees' workplace skills and build stronger career pathways. The training has proved to be a highly effective solution for limited-English-proficient (LEP) workers across various industries. CCCIE serves as coordinator and facilitator for engaging community colleges as providers of high-quality ESL instruction in their communities.

Contributing to the Higher Ed Immigration Portal

The <u>Higher Ed Immigration Portal</u>, launched by the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, is a one-stop digital resource for state and federal data, policies, best practices, resources, and tools for advocacy supporting immigrant, international, and refugee students, including DACA recipients and undocumented students. CCCIE has shared its data base of effective practices in immigrant education and workforce development, which draw upon the knowledge and expertise of our CCCIE member colleges across the country. The cases provide community college administrators, staff, faculty, and students an opportunity to learn from one another, share new ideas, and expand and improve their programs to increase college access and success for immigrant, refugee, and undocumented students.

Promoting Skilled Immigrant Integration Networks

CCCIE is one of several technical assistance advisers participating in the WES Global Talent Bridge (WES GTB) Skilled Immigrant Integration Program (SIIP), which offers communities an opportunity to advance their state and local skilled immigrant integration initiatives. The goal of SIIP is to establish an ongoing program of customized training, coaching, and technical assistance that strengthens sustainable, multi-sector networks to fully integrate skilled immigrants into their local and regional economies. CCCIE engages community colleges in these stakeholder networks, shares best practices and resources, and helps communities strengthen their connections with colleges. Now in its third year, SIIP serves eight communities each year, with 24 cohorts across the country currently involved in this initiative.

Integrating Immigrant Education/Diversity into National Workforce Development Initiatives

CCCIE's partnership with the <u>National Council for Workforce Education</u> has helped shine a spotlight on community college workforce development initiatives that increase educational and career opportunities for immigrant students, as well as other diverse, underserved populations. CCCIE helps shape NCWE's agenda through its representation on NCWE's board of directors and through efforts to increase immigrant- and other diversity-focused presentations at NCWE's annual conference.

For more information on CCCIE's initiatives, promising practices, and resources, visit cccie.org.