



# Strategic Plan Update: Completion *Credit for Prior Learning*

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# Strategic Plan Priorities

**ACCESS**

**COMPLETION**

**FINANCIAL VALUE**

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

# Strategic Plan Priorities

Today's deep dive will highlight:

- Credit for Prior Learning initiatives and data

**COMPLETION**

# Credit For Prior Learning

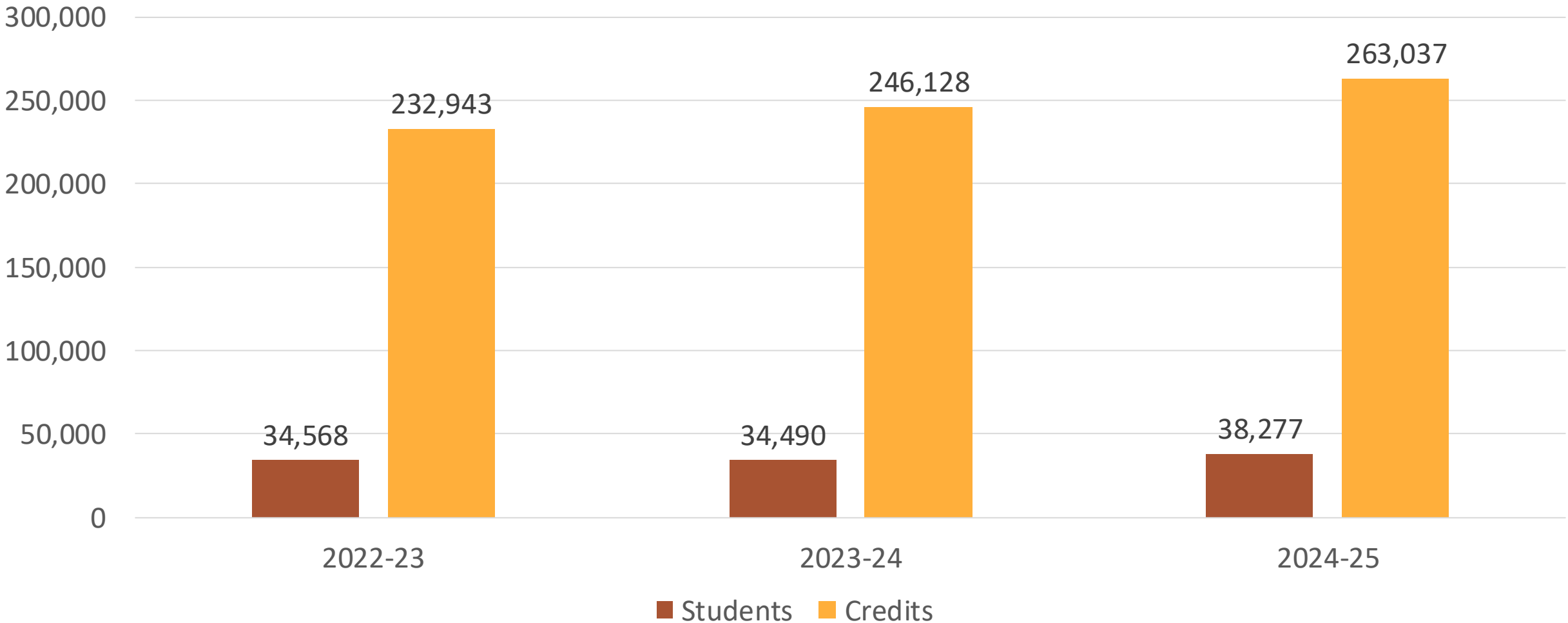
*College credit for knowledge and skills gained outside the classroom*

National research shows that CPL reduces the time required for degree completion.

## CPL and The Board's Strategic Plan: Six Guiding Principles

- Credit Equivalencies
- Options
- Transparency and Accessibility
- Affordability
- Systemwide Collaboration
- Professional Development and Training

# Total CPL Awards Across USHE



# CPL Awards by Institution

	Academic Year 2022-23		Academic Year 2023-24		Academic Year 2024-25	
Institution	Students	Credits	Students	Credits	Students	Credits
SLCC	1,376	10,321	1,122	5,837	712	4,959
Snow	769	3,425	664	4,255	1,557	5,970
SUU	1,745	12,361	1,746	13,419	1,741	13,750
UU	4,640	51,548	4,680	53,645	5,484	60,943
USU	14,164	69,818	14,587	78,544	16,991	83,430
UT	527	4,354	447	3,576	562	4,542
UVU	6,794	54,944	7,598	60,904	7,830	62,160
WSU	4,553	26,172	3,646	25,948	3,400	27,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,568</b>	<b>232,943</b>	<b>34,490</b>	<b>246,128</b>	<b>38,277</b>	<b>263,037</b>

# CPL from Standardized Exams (AY 2025)

Institution	AP Students	AP Credits	IB Students	IB Credits	CLEP Students	CLEP Credits	ACT/SAT Students	ACT/SAT Credits
SLCC	302	3,136	9	98	52	222	142	342
Snow	182	1,332	0	0	5	39	1,310	3,930
SUU	479	4,196	20	139	19	87	834	3,141
U of U	3,347	49,828	150	2,965	20	138	1,816	5,448
USU	8,215	52,524	44	363	93	424	5,194	15,582
UT	444	3,426	3	31	22	96	0	0
UVU	2,278	22,317	23	337	52	311	2,738	8,352
WSU	833	8,824	9	120	24	124	1,492	4,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,080</b>	<b>145,583</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>13,526</b>	<b>41,274</b>

# CPL from Other Exams

Assessment Area	AY 2024 Students	AY 2025 Students	% Change	AY 2024 Credits	AY 2025 Credits	% Change
Foreign Language Exams	2,352	2,723	+13.5%	17,808	21,173	+15.8%
Institutional Challenge Exams	1,161	1,302	+11%	8,742	9,985	+12.5%
Institutional Portfolio Reviews	14	18	+23%	95	114	+16.7%
Technical College Students	777	2,519	+325%	11,765	16,940	+30.5%
Apprenticeships	19	24	+20.6%	140	191	+16.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party/National Certifications	629	679	+8%	11,291	11,743	+4%
Military/Joint Service Transcript	623	778	+20%	7,880	9,796	+19.6%
Military/DD214	51	77	+33%	437	720	+39.4%
<b>Total Military</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>+5.8%</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>+20%</b>

# CPL from Foreign Language Exams (AY 2025)

Institution	Students Awarded Foreign Language Credit	Foreign Language Credits Awarded
Salt Lake Community College	6	26
Snow College	54	628
Southern Utah University	183	2,568
University of Utah	84	1,117
Utah State University	1,197	4,886
Utah Tech University	78	882
Utah Valley University	746	7,160
Weber State University	375	3,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>21,173</b>

# CPL from Certifications (AY 2025)

Institution	Third-Party Certifications		National Certifications	
	Students	Credits	Students	Credits
SLCC	8	40	40	383
Snow	0	0	0	0
SUU	5	87	82	2,450
U of U	44	1,320	0	0
USU	0	0	0	0
UT	5	15	0	0
UVU	392	6,353	0	0
WSU	103	1,095	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>8,910</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2,833</b>
<b>Total, All Certifications</b>		<b>679 students earned 11,743 credits</b>		

# CPL Tuition Savings to Students (AY 2025)

Institution	Credits	Tuition Per Credit	Total Savings
SLCC	4,959	\$193.75	\$960,806
Snow	5,970	\$180.00	\$1,074,600
SUU	13,750	\$327.60	\$4,504,500
U of U	60,943	\$275.74	\$16,804,423
USU	83,430	\$294.29	\$24,552,615
UT	4,542	\$262.79	\$1,193,607
UVU	62,160	\$255.00	\$15,850,800
WSU	27,283	\$264.80	\$7,224,538
<b>Total</b>	<b>263,037</b>	<b>\$256.75 (avg)</b>	<b>\$72,165,889</b>

# Faculty and Administrative Engagement in CPL

- Faculty in the 36 Major committees reviewed a wide array of CPL options, updated standard exam equivalencies, and shared best practices for assessing prior learning.
- 1,526 lower-division course options for prior learning assessment.
- UVU sponsors a systemwide CPL Conference each year.
- The Commissioner's office updated the *Prior Learning Handbook* and convened the USHE Prior Learning Committee.
- All eight degree-granting institutions provided training to administrative leaders, faculty, and staff on best practices related to CPL.