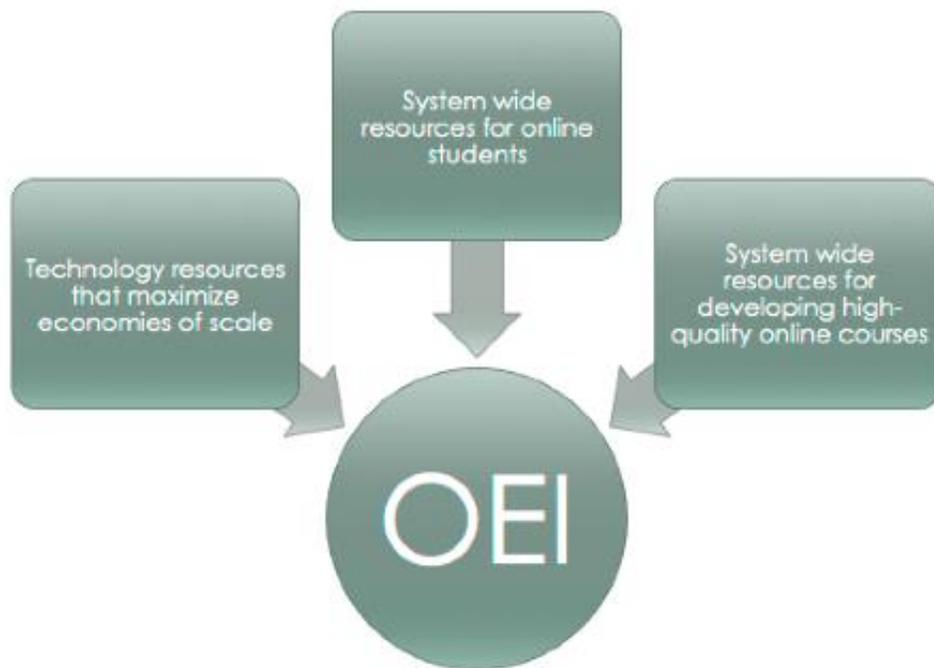## About the OEI

"The California Community Colleges are at the forefront of online education in California, more so than any other segment of higher education in the state." -Hans Johnson, a Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) Senior Fellow

Welcome to the official web site for the Online Education Initiative.

The Online Education Initiative (OEI) is a collaborative effort among California Community Colleges (CCCs) to ensure that significantly more students are able to complete their educational goals by increasing both access to and success in high-quality online courses.

The OEI is sponsored by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, in partnership with the Butte-Glenn Community College District and its CCC Technology Center at Butte College as recipients of a $56.9 million five-year grant disbursed by the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO). The Online Education Initiative represents a comprehensive and collaborative program that leverages best practices and technology to significantly increase the opportunity for higher education degree attainment in California.

The OEI is composed of high quality online courses, resources for online students, and technology resources:

California Community Colleges may choose to participate in OEI activities by taking advantage of:
- Shared resources such as the OEI Course Design Rubric, Online Learner Readiness Tutorials and @ONE workshops OR
- Shared resources and adopt Canvas as their course management system OR
- Shared resources, adopt Canvas, and coming soon, participate in the OEI Consortium along with the Course Exchange.

There are three levels of opportunity for participation in the OEI.

- Guiding Philosophy:
- Always consider what is best for students.
- Engage in "agile" project management.
- Innovation is "messy".
- Consider the big picture.
- Involve everyone in the process.

Governance

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Key to success is strong involvement of stakeholders throughout the CCC system. The OEI Steering Committee is represented by leaders from all facets of our system, including faculty, distance education coordinators, support staff, administrators, and students. The initial implementation involves 24 pilot colleges representing a diversity of colleges. The Consortium, initially composed of representatives of the pilot colleges, forms the advisory body for operational aspects of the OEI, including the Course Exchange. The OEI management team collectively has more than 75 years of CCC experience.

OEI Steering Committee

Formed in April 2014, the OEI Steering Committee is an Chancellor's Office advisory committee body to the OEI management team, that provides guidance and recommendations on OEI policies and procedures to the OEI management team. Members of this committee are appointed by constituent organizations that represent faculty, staff, administrators and students at the statewide level and also includes ex-officio participants from the Chancellor's Office, CCC Technology Center and the OEI Management Team. represent the diversity of colleges constituencies and functions within the California Community Colleges.

The OEI Steering Committee provides the valuable perspective of representative stakeholders toward the development of the OEI. By authorizing the formation of work groups, the OEI Steering Committee gathers information and develops recommendations in designated issues and topics. For example, the Steering Committee initiated a Professional Development Work Group to create the OEI Course Design Rubric that brings together the collective knowledge regarding best practices for online course delivery.

The OEI Steering Committee may also authorize the formation of joint work groups that involve both policy and operational topics. For example, the CCMS Committee was initiated with the OEI management team for the process of selecting Instructure's Canvas and the Common Course Management System.

OEI Consortium

The Online Education Initiative (OEI) Consortium, launched in October 2015, is composed of representatives of the 24 OEI pilot colleges who, in consultation with leadership at their respective institutions, serve as an advisory body to the OEI management team.

The Consortium provides guidance and recommendations on operational and technical matters of the OEI, with a focus on preparation of the OEI Course Exchange, currently scheduled for the fall of 2016.

The initial Consortium is building the framework for what will ultimately become the CCC Online Education Initiative Consortium open to all California Community Colleges. Only colleges that join the Consortium will have the opportunity to participate in the Course Exchange when it becomes available. The Consortium provides the legal mechanism to allow for many of the reciprocity requirements of the Course Exchange (for example, combining enrolled units across colleges for purposes of determining student financial aid eligibility).

The OEI Consortium is authorized to form work groups, including joint work groups with the OEI Steering Committee, to gather information and develop recommendation on both policy and operational topics.

Pilot College Participation

Thanks to the pioneering work of the OEI pilot colleges, all California Community College now have the opportunity to take advantage of OEI resources such as the course design standards, faculty professional development, online readiness tutorials, tutoring services, basic skills resources and more to come.

In May 2014, a Call for Participation was issued seeking colleges wishing to participate in the pilot phase of the OEI to begin in the Spring of 2015. Over half (58) of our California Community Colleges responded. A group of 24 pilot colleges were selected that represent, along with other criteria, a diversity of college demographics, geographic location, and technology. These colleges will continue their pilot participation through the Fall of 2016.

Using the OEI Course Design Rubric and @ONE standards, faculty from each of these pilot colleges volunteered to participate in the first peer review of online courses. In addition, these colleges were the first to pilot online learner readiness and online tutoring resources. Starting in the Spring of 2016, all 24 pilot colleges will pilot all OEI resources. The pilot colleges will also become the initial members of the pilot OEI Consortium and first participants in the OEI Course Exchange.

Initial Pilot Colleges		
Readiness	Tutoring	Full Launch
Antelope Valley	Barstow	Butte
Cabrillo	Columbia	Coastline
College of the Canyons	Imperial Valley	Foothill
Hartnell	Mt. San Antonio	Shasta
Mira Costa	Ohlone	Fresno City
Monterey Peninsula	Pierce	Lake Tahoe
Rio Hondo	Saddleback	Mt. San Jacinto
West Los Angeles	Victor Valley	Ventura

Glossary

Abbreviations

CCC: California Community College
CCMS: Common Course Management System
Exchange: OEI Course Exchange
OEI: Online Education Initiative
OEI-SC: OEI Steering Committee
POCR: Peer Online Course Reviewer
Rubric: OEI Course Design Rubric

Glossary of Terms

Online Education Initiative: The overarching California Community College initiative, funded by the CCC Chancellor's Office, that provides support to college online teaching and learning programs and coordinates resources and services available to the entire CCC system. Resources include the CCMS and other components such as student resources, faculty resources, other technology resources, and research and policy documentation.

Common Course Management System: Instructure's Canvas has been selected as the course management system available under a common contract to any college in the CCC system choosing to adopt Canvas campuswide. All colleges wishing to participate in the OEI Course Exchange must adopt Canvas.

OEI Consortium: The Consortium provides guidance and recommendations on operational and technical matters of the OEI, with a focus on preparation of the OEI Course Exchange. The initial Consortium is composed of representatives of the 24 pilot colleges. See the Consortium page for more information.

OEI Courses: Courses that are participating in the OEI pilot of 24 colleges. Note: All courses will continue to be provided by colleges and their faculty. This terminology does NOT imply any ownership by OEI.

OEI Course Exchange: The component of the OEI that facilitates students registering for online courses offered by other participating colleges. The Exchange is intended to facilitate the timely completion of educational goals that students establish at their home colleges.

OEI Steering Committee: The Steering Committee provides guidance and recommendations on OEI policies and procedures to the OEI management team. Members of this committee are appointed by constituent organizations that represent faculty, staff, administrators and students at the statewide level and also includes ex-officio participants from the Chancellor's Office, CCC Technology Center and the OEI Management Team. represent the diversity of colleges constituencies and functions within the California Community Colleges. See the Steering Committee page for more information.

Home College: An accredited California Community College from which a student can access the OEI Exchange to take classes from other California Community Colleges participating in the OEI Exchange. The expectation is that students will complete residency requirements for degree and transfer programs at the home college.

Teaching College: An accredited California Community College that offers courses within the OEI Exchange to students from their own college and to students from other California Community Colleges via the OEI Exchange registration mechanisms.

Quest: A complete online learner readiness package that includes a diagnostic assessment, multimedia tutorials, quizzes and supplemental resources.