

Executive Summary

Adult Learning Strategies at Community Colleges

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Community colleges have pursued innovative strategies to support adult students who need differentiated approaches to teaching methods, delivery models, and student supports in order to flourish. This webinar focuses on the examples of three colleges that have created and implemented promising, adult-focused strategies, as grantees funded by the [Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training](#) (TAACCCT) grant program. The webinar features three presenters:

[Sandy Crist](#), from the Mississippi Community College Board, presents on the implementation of the Mississippi Integrated Basic Education Skills and Training (Mi-BEST) program, which contextualizes and accelerates developmental education to increase the ability of adults to obtain college credentials.

[Rebecca Elmore](#), from Chaffey College in California, presents on the Industrial Technical Learning (InTech) Center, which provides classroom and hands-on instruction and a dedicated job placement specialist to provide access to career opportunities in a wide array of fields.

[Anne Willaert](#), from South Central College in Minnesota, presents on implementation of the Learn, Work, Earn Initiative, which creates work-based learning opportunities, offers credit-for-prior learning, and provides additional services to help adult students work while completing their degree.

The presenters answer questions from the audience, covering additional topics including persistence and completion rates among students, the use of regionally recognized soft skills curriculum, the provision of online courses as credit and noncredit offerings, and other topics.

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