

**DCCCD Incentive Funding  
Retention Awards  
Executive Summary**

**REPLICATION AWARDS:**

**Aligning Curriculum and Student Learning Outcomes to Improve Student Retention**

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Collaboration: BHC and RLC  
Award Amount: \$86,459      Award period: 4 Semesters

In spring, 2009, El Centro College invited Dr. Alexei Matveev from Norfolk University to present a series of workshops on Curriculum Mapping and Program Mapping. El Centro invited District colleges to send representatives to the workshops. Colleagues from each sister campus and the District Office were in attendance and made up about a third (31%) of the total attendance at the workshops. Many of those in attendance appreciated the workshops and stated that they were considering following up by completing curriculum maps on their campuses. The chair of the Core Curriculum committee decided that a district-wide map of the core curriculum will be important as the college comes to administer and evaluate the new core curriculum. A full 92.5% of survey respondents rated the overall effectiveness of curriculum workshops as “Good” or “Excellent”. Eighty-nine percent rated the “relevance of the session to your job role” as “Good” or Excellent”. Participants in the Program Mapping session rated the overall effectiveness as “Good” or “Excellent” 75% of the time, and the relevance to their job role as “Good” or “Excellent” 88.9% of the time. Comments indicated that participants would have liked a more interactive experience. The purpose of this award will be to provide additional interactive professional development sessions for faculty and staff in order to take curriculum alignment and assessment planning to a new level of sophistication and rigor.