

**DCCCD Incentive Funding
Retention Awards
Executive Summary**

SEED AWARDS:

College Readiness Initiative

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Collaboration with NLC
Award Amount: \$75,000 Award Period: 4 Semesters

We know that students who are initially assessed as ready to take college level classes have a much greater chance of completing college successfully. To enhance the performance of high school seniors on college assessment tests, the El Centro College Readiness Initiative (CRI) will develop and present assessment readiness workshops for high school seniors. These one hour workshops will provide students with information on the purpose for assessment, an overview of the ACCUPLACER test, sample questions, and test interpretation information. Students will also learn the time and money consequences of placing into developmental courses and receive an explanation of the developmental education sequence. All students who complete the CRI workshop will also complete a college application, receive a college acceptance letter, and apply for financial aid. Students will then take ACCUPLACER as well as a diagnostic tool that pinpoints specific deficiencies on ACCUPLACER. El Centro and North Lake College faculty and administrators will begin a dialogue with high school employees to provide feedback on student deficiencies and work toward closing the gap between TAKS and TSI. A summer bridge program will be offered to students placing into developmental mathematics at the highest DMAT level. The program will provide DMAT 093, HDEV 1310 or 1300, and supplemental mathematics instruction over eight weeks during the summer months. On line supplements will also be used to enhance classroom instruction. Students completing the summer bridge program will be enrolled in on-going learning communities in college algebra and have case managed advising and supplemental instruction for the first year of college.