



University of Illinois
College of Education



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Project Profile

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

PILOT SITES

College of Lake County
<http://www.clcillinois.edu/>

John A. Logan College
<http://www.jal.cc.il.us/>

Kankakee Community College
<http://www.kcc.edu/>

Moraine Valley Community College
<http://www.morainevalley.edu/>

Shawnee Community College
<http://www.shawneecc.edu/>

South Suburban College
<http://www.southsuburbancollege.edu/>

Southwestern Illinois College
<http://www.swic.edu/>

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Overview

In 2007 the state of Illinois passed the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Act (Public Act 095-0694), to fund pilot projects consisting of a community college and partner high schools and to support the alignment of K-12 curriculum with college level coursework. This project seeks to evaluate the state's attempt to align high school and college curriculum and enhance students' academic preparation and readiness to transition to college. It also seeks to provide technical assistance to the community colleges as they work toward those efforts. Results have implications for policy and practice at the high school, college and university, and state policy levels.

CCR Act Goals

An important overarching goal of the legislation is to better prepare students for making a successful transition from high school to college and it stresses the importance of academic preparedness and college readiness as measured by college placement tests. It calls for:

- Diagnosis of college readiness by use of ACT or other standardized testing of juniors at partner high schools
- Reduction of the need for remedial coursework in mathematics, reading, and writing
- Alignment of high school and college curricula
- Provision of resources and academic support to students to enrich the senior year of high school through remedial or advanced coursework and other interventions
- Development of an appropriate evaluation process to measure the effectiveness of readiness intervention

Products

- Curriculum Alignment Brief (June 2010)
- Year-Three Evaluation Report (July 2010)
- Minority Male Study (July 2010)
- Year-Four Evaluation Report (August 2011)

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For more information

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