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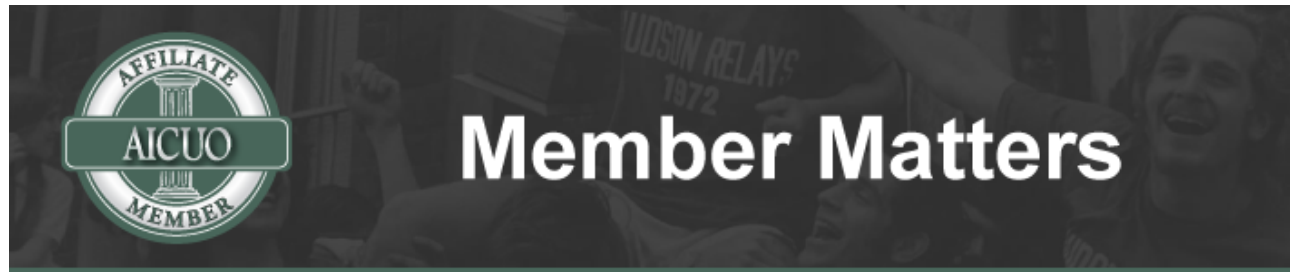
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State Policy Approaches To Support Prior Learning Assessment
Amy Sherman and Rebecca Klein-Collins, [Council for Adult and Experiential Learning \(CAEL\)](#)

According to Lumina Foundation’s 2015 A Stronger Nation report, the U.S. economy will need 106 million Americans to hold postsecondary credentials in 2025. Based on current

attainment rates, the country is projected to fall 19.8 million credentials short of that goal. Increased enrollment in—and successful completion of—postsecondary learning programs is critical to achieving it. Prior learning assessment, or PLA, can help more workers complete training and degree programs sooner by giving them college credit for knowledge and competencies they've gained outside of the classroom. PLA can save students time and money, and the boost in credit earning might also have a motivating effect for some students. CAEL's 2010 multi-institutional study, *Fueling the Race to Postsecondary Success*, found that students with PLA credits were 2.5 times more likely to persist to graduation than students without PLA credits. (See Appendix D for information on how to access the full report.) State leaders are increasingly aware of PLA's value in helping adult learners complete a degree faster and at a lower cost. Many are taking steps to encourage the offering and use of PLA throughout entire systems of colleges and universities....[continue reading](#)

Free Webinar February 25, 2016: "*Times Are Changing For Higher Education At The NLRB*"

Join Jack Merinar and Martin Saunders of Steptoe & Johnson for this informative presentation on issues involving the changes at the National Labor Relations Board and how those changes affect higher education institutions.

Guests attending this live broadcast will receive updates on:

- The Present Status of Union Organizing in Higher Education
- The Impact of Changes at the NLRB on Union Organizing
- The Bargaining Unit Considerations in Higher Education

Webcast Times:

Noon - 1:00 pm Eastern

11:00 am - Noon Central

10:00 am - 11:00 am Mountain

9:00 am - 10:00 am Pacific

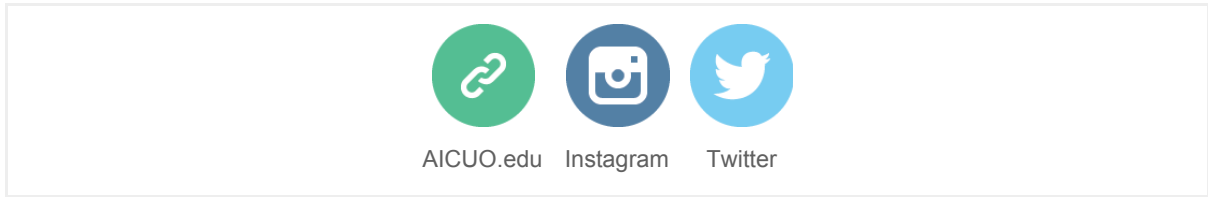
Registration will close at 10:00am, Thursday, February 25, 2016.

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