

NCIA Exemplary Initiatives Competition Submission Examples
(Credit and non-credit instructional programs)
SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Professional & Organizational Development

Examples of initiatives in this category include but are not limited to: professional development initiatives, staff development activities, mentoring programs, adjunct faculty training, visioning, change strategies, continuous quality improvement, outsourcing of services, environmental scanning, mergers, institutional reorganization, institutional efforts towards sustainability, and development or facilitation of on-site baccalaureate programs.

Curricular & Program Innovation

Examples of initiatives in this category include but are not limited to: core curricula or texts, cooperative/interdisciplinary/service/experiential learning, writing/thinking/teaching across the curriculum, technology enhanced learning, distance delivery of programs/degrees, unique or innovative programs, effective assessment of student learning programs.

Community & Workforce Needs

Examples of initiatives in this category include but are not limited to: partnerships with business/industry/government, economic development efforts for region or service area, contract/specialized training, development of cluster-based career programs, community engagement, improving responsiveness to a particular constituency, rapid response to community emergencies, joint use facility agreements, and examples of community colleges serving as the intellectual/cultural/ recreational center of their region or service area.

Transition & Transfer Effectiveness

Examples of initiatives in this category include but are not limited to: recruitment and retention strategies, innovative developmental/ESL programs, student engagement, increasing completion/graduation/transfer rates of first-generation students, early alert programs, peer tutoring or mentoring, articulations, seamless transitions with P-20 partners, and efforts to create an equitable educational environment for all students.