



Statewide Email

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SUBJECT: Workforce Pell: Preparing for Increased Student Interest

Colleagues,

We have more than 1,000 individuals registered for today's Workforce Pell webinar, and we expect a significant number to be prospective students. This is exactly the kind of interest we hoped Workforce Pell would generate, and we want to make sure we're collectively prepared to respond.

During today's webinar, we will direct prospective students to GetThereFL.com to identify institutions near them and encourage them to contact those institutions directly for information about available programs, enrollment and financial aid. With that in mind, I'm asking each of you to prepare for increased student inquiries. Please consider establishing a dedicated Workforce Pell section on your institutional website, providing clear information about your programs, your institution's progress toward approval and who students should contact with questions.

For institutions that have not yet submitted eligible programs for state validation, now is the time. As you move through the process, communicate that progress on your website so interested students know which programs you are pursuing for Workforce Pell approval. Please be careful to distinguish programs seeking approval from those that have completed the full state and federal process.

The Department will also begin publishing institution-specific programs that have received full federal approval on our Workforce Pell webpage. This will provide students and workforce partners with an increasingly comprehensive resource as implementation progresses. All current implementation guidance, the eligible program inventory, certification materials and future updates are available on our website: Florida Workforce Pell Implementation.

The level of interest we're seeing is encouraging. Our next responsibility is to make sure that interest leads somewhere. We appreciate your partnership in preparing to serve these prospective students while we continue moving programs through the approval process.

Thank you for the work you're doing to bring this opportunity to Floridians.