

Agenda
Professional Development Advisory Council
Workforce Development and Pathways Committee Meeting
1:00PM – 2:00PM
February 28, 2023

- 1:00PM** **Welcome and Review of Minutes – WDP Tri-Chairs**
- Welcome Sinthu Ramalingam
 - Minutes - November 7, 2022
- 1:10PM** **Revise Draft Recommendation**
- Recommendation: A statewide, standardized Prior Learning Assessment (PA) system, developed using innovative technology (Mursion) should be a priority among our state agencies and higher education institutions to support Illinois' highly diverse incumbent workforce. The PDAC Workforce Development and Pathways Committee recommends that this state system of PLA developed under the direction of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development (GOECD) via PDG-B5 funds be prioritized and expanded for implementation throughout Illinois higher education institutions to provide greater accessibility and a critical pathway for the ECE workforce.
 - Rationale: National researcher The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) found in their study that adult students who participate in Prior Learning Assessment/Credit for Prior Learning (PLA/CPL) are 17% more likely to complete a degree, compared to those without PLA/CPL and that adults' students save, on average, 9-14 months in earning a degree. PLA boosted completion rates for adult students of color, low-income adult students, and adult students across the academic performance spectrum.
- 1:50PM** **Strategic Plan**
- Accomplishments and Next Steps
- 2:00PM** **Adjourn**