

**Accelerated Degree Program Work Group
November 15, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Conference Call

Attendees:

Bernadette Jungblut – CWU, Mary Wack – WSU, Scott Coleman – Evergreen, Emily Leggio – UW, Steve VanderStaay – WWU, Tracy Hall – Evergreen, and Julie Garver – COP

Discussion of Three-Year Data Points

COP provided an update on the data request made by the Work Group in September. The Work Group asked what percentage of the students who attended a four-year public college or university directly from high school and graduated within three years earned college credit prior to entering a college or university. COP worked with ERDC regarding this data point. The request is in the queue for ERDC but the timing of the data is likely to be after the report is due to the Legislature. The Work Group asked COP to check-in on the status of the request and also to inquire if the data can be retrieved via IPEDS. If the data can be retrieved from IPEDS institutions may be able to retrieve the data.

Discussion of Draft Report and Recommendations

COP shared a draft of the report and recommendations. The Work Group discussed some edits to the report including adding the use of cohorts as a best practice, clarifying prior learning references and identifying the DTA in the section with regard to transfer.

The Group had a longer conversation about whether or not to include a recommendation around financial aid, specifically year-round aid and summer term financial aid. Tracy Hall, Director of Financial Aid, The Evergreen State College provided an update on year-round financial aid at the federal and state levels. There was concern that a recommendation may unintentionally create competing priorities for funding for the State Need Grant program. The Work Group agreed to recognize the need for affordable accelerated degree pathways in the narrative of the recommendations and support this issue as one for future work.

Next Steps

The Work Group is scheduled to meet for the last conference call on December 8. COP will incorporate the feedback from the Work Group and send a second draft to the Work Group on Monday, November 28. The Work Group will provide additional feedback to COP by Friday, December 2. COP will send out a finalized version of the report to the Work Group in advance of the December 8 meeting.