



## Surfacing the Top Ten Trends from the 2012 Legislative Session

1. Veterans' Education
2. State Authorization
3. Career Pathways for Adult Learners
4. Tools & Strategies for Awarding Prior Learning
5. Increased Use of Program Pilots, Competitive Grants
6. Creation of High-Need Degree Programs
7. Promotion of Industry-Recognized Certifications
8. Student Debt, Earnings Reports
9. Early Graduation Scholarships
10. Replication of Remedial Instructional Models

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## Trends in Context

Trend	Intended Outcome	States	Policy Example
<b>Veterans' Education</b>	Improve persistence and degree completion rates for veterans	AL, CO, FL, HI, ID, LA, OK, OR, SD, TN, VA	<b>Hawaii S.B. 2639:</b> Awards credit for military service. Requires development of learning assessment to determine college-level learning.
<b>State Authorization</b>	Regulate operations, finances, marketing of nonpublic institutions, especially for-profits	CO, IN, IA, KY, MD, MO, OR, SD	<b>Iowa S.F. 2267:</b> Requires disclosure of all costs and establishes licensing, regulation procedures for online and virtual programs.
<b>Career Pathways</b>	Increase access to postsecondary programs for adults	FL, IA, KY, LA, ME, MS, NE, WI	<b>Nebraska L.B. 1079:</b> Provides grants for education bridge programs, which coordinate ABE and postsecondary resources for low-income adults.
<b>Awarding Prior Learning</b>	Decrease time-to-degree and recognize worth of non-credit experiences	CO, FL, HI, ME, OK, OR, VA, WI	<b>Oklahoma S.B. 1056:</b> Authorizes institutions to apply academic credit to prior learning gained through military service using ACE framework.
<b>Program Pilots, Competitive Grants</b>	Study programs and strategies for statewide replication	CO, FL, KS, MS, NE, OK, OR, WV	<b>Mississippi S.B. 2792:</b> Creates pilot where recent dropouts receive a diploma while pursuing a career-ready certificate.
<b>High-Need Degree Programs</b>	Improve student access to high-demand, high-wage careers	CO, FL, HI, KY, MN, WA, WV	<b>Washington H.B. 2156:</b> Develop and implement aerospace and advanced manufacturing degree programs to meet local employer demand.
<b>Industry-Recognized Certifications</b>	Increase employability, especially in conjunction with postsecondary credential	IA, KY, MS, NE, OK, UT, VA	<b>Kentucky S.B. 38:</b> Directs the community college system to develop evidence-based models for adults to obtain a diploma and an industry-recognized credential concurrently.
<b>Student Performance, Debt &amp; Earnings Reports</b>	Increase transparency on expected student debt and earnings, by program of study	CO, CT, FL, VA, WA	<b>Florida H.B. 7135:</b> Requires universities to provide students with electronic access to top 25% and bottom 10% of degrees in terms of job placement and earnings.
<b>Early Graduation Scholarships</b>	Accelerate college entry for the most ready students	AZ, FL, ID, MN	<b>Arizona S.B. 1254/1255:</b> Creates competency-based, alternative diploma pathways. Ties pathways to early graduation scholarship.
<b>Innovative Remedial Models</b>	Improve completion rates for underprepared students	CO, CT, GA, MO	<b>Connecticut S.B. 40:</b> Allows all students open access to entry-level courses. Direct institutions to offer embedded remediation and intensive summer programs by 2014.

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