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Department of
Higher Education

Military PLA Faculty Conference
November 3, 2017, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Arapahoe Community College
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Today's Goals:

- ✓ Interpret the value of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and the ACE Military Evaluations process.
- ✓ Identify the practices and policies for awarding PLA across Colorado institutions.
- ✓ Discover and use the resources available to the higher education community.
- ✓ Determine strategies to support the PLA initiatives across the state.

AGENDA

All large group sessions are held in the Half Moon Room

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration & Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 9:10 | Welcome, Introductions & Goals for the Day
<i>Dr. Ian Macgillivray -Director of Academic Affairs, Colorado Department of Higher Education</i> |
| 9:10 - 9:30 | Opening Remarks
<i>Dr. Kim Hunter Reed - Executive Director, CDHE and former Deputy Undersecretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education</i> |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | What are the state policy impacts?
<i>Bitsy Cohn, Colorado Community College System & Ian Macgillivray, CDHE (HB17-1004 and process for meeting its requirements; share an overview of institutions' PLA military policies)</i> |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | What is Prior Learning Assessment?
<i>Amy Sherman, Associate Vice President of Innovation and Policy, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)</i> |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | BREAK |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | How are the ACE military credit recommendations determined?
<i>Michele Spires, Director, American Council on Education (ACE) Military Programs and Dr. Chris Johnson, ACE Faculty Evaluator</i> |



12:00 - 12:20 **QUICK BREAK / GRAB BOX LUNCH**

12:20 - 1:00 **Lunchtime Panel Discussion - Why is Military PLA Important for Colorado?** - *Dr. Ian Macgillivray, Moderator*

- *Bitsy Cohn, Director of Prior Learning, Colorado Community College System*
- *David Ortiz, Scout Consulting and Advisory Group*
- *Rex Laceby, Captain USMC (ret.), University of Colorado Boulder Career Services & Vice President of Colorado Advisory Council on Military Education, ([CO-ACME](#))*

1:00 - 1:30 **What are the military transcript resources?**
Michele Spires, Director, American Council on Education (ACE) Military Programs; Dr. Chris Johnson, ACE Faculty Evaluator; and Amy Sherman, Associate Vice President of Innovation and Policy, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)

1:30 - 1:45 **TRANSITION BREAK**

1:45 - 2:45 **Breakouts by Track**
Goal: Collaborate and connect measurable strategies to inform next steps

Room	Track	Discussion Points
M3690	PLA Process and Practice Led by: Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the (a) challenges and (b) opportunities • Pinpoint measurable next steps and quick wins
M3750	Institutional Buy-In Led by: Amy & Chris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the (a) challenges and (b) opportunities • Pinpoint measurable next steps and quick wins

2:45 - 3:00 **TRANSITION BREAK**

3:00 - 3:50 **Report Out and Large Group Discussion**
Facilitator: Michele Spires, Director, American Council on Education (ACE) Military Programs

3:50 - 4:00 **Wrap-up and Departure**
Dr. Ian Macgillivray -Director of Academic Affairs, Colorado Department of Higher Education