

CAEL-DEAC Cooperative Pilot Initiative Procedures

Thank you for your interest in the Cooperative Pilot Initiative. The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) has announced a pilot initiative, collaborating with the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) to introduce a select group of DEAC member institutions to a two-year enhanced CAEL Membership package. In addition to the two-year membership, each institution may choose two CAEL additional products, with one of the two delivered during the membership year. The pilot will help CAEL determine whether it is appropriate to pursue the inclusion of other DEAC accredited institutions within the scope of its membership activities. Your participation will support the important work of increasing collaborative innovation in distance education and improving support for adult students as they complete their higher education goals and move into successful and meaningful careers.

DEAC will lead the selection process in identifying the pilot institutions within the context of the aforementioned description. Applicants will be screened by DEAC according to the published requisite criteria and put forward to the DEAC Academic Review Committee for approval. The DEAC Manager of Institutional Development and Assessment will communicate the results of the Academic Review Committee's approval to participate in the pilot initiative within 30 days following the committee meeting. Following initial approval by DEAC, the selected institutions then engage with CAEL to complete remaining Cooperative Initiative procedures.

These are the DEAC criteria for institutional selection to the pilot initiative.

1. Only DEAC-accredited institutions may apply to participate in the initiative.
2. Applicants must be in good standing with DEAC and demonstrate evidence of:
 - a) Financial stability;
 - b) Compliance with DEAC graduation rate benchmarks; and
 - c) Successful completion of at least one DEAC accreditation renewal cycle.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact Leslie Urofsky, Academic Subject Specialist at leslie.urofsky@deac.org.