

A Quick Glossary of Partners & Initiatives at Bristol Community College

Acronym	Name	What is it?	Contact
AAC&U	Association of American Colleges & Universities	AAC&U is the leading national association concerned with the quality, vitality, and public standing of undergraduate liberal education... Founded in 1915, AAC&U now comprises more than 1,200 member institutions—including accredited public and private colleges and universities of every type and size.	http://www.aacu.org/index.cfm
AASCU/CCSSO/SHEEO partnership	American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)/ Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)/ State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)	The national sponsors of the College Readiness Program (CRP). Massachusetts has been selected as one of 10 states to participate in the program	http://www.sheeo.org/pcn/Topic.aspx?id=1026
AMCOA	Advancing a Massachusetts Culture Of Assessment	Established on the recommendation of the Phase Two Report of the Vision Project, this group consists of representatives of all 29 state institutions. It is chaired by three faculty, one each from the university, state schools, and community college levels.	http://www.mass.edu/currentinit/vpwgamcoa.asp BCC Maureen Sowa is a co-chair. Mike Vieira is the college's other representative to AMCOA.
CRP	College Readiness Partnership	The Partnership, established in December 2010, seeks to advance implementation of the new common core state standards (CCSS) in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).	http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CDMQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sheeo.org%2Fpcn%2Fuploads%2FCRP%2520Framework%2520Document%2520FINAL%2520-%252006-2011.docx&ei=n7C5TqmAGMWftgeLx6i-Bw&usg=AFQjCNEYOL6VcZGjFAObDdHkCqkMmzzEEA&sig2=SzEA8LV_CqiyxQXHkNO8uw Greg Sethares represented BCC at the National CRP meeting in Memphis, TN in November 2011.

CCSS	Common Core State Standards	According to their mission statement, “The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.	http://www.corestandards.org/ Faculty members Betsy French, Dave Henry, and Jacqui Mbugua attended the October 28 state-wide meeting that began discussions of PARCC and CCSS.
CDE	Commonwealth Dual Enrollment	Bristol Community College’s Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program provides an opportunity for eligible high school students to enroll at Bristol Community College as non-degree students and have the courses be recognized toward degree completion at both the College and the student’s high school. Students may enroll at BCC for as little as one course, on a part-time basis or for as much as a full-time course load of 12 to 15 credits. Some students have been granted release time from their high schools in order to attend their BCC classes during their regular high school hours. Some state funding is provided to CDE.	http://www.bristolcc.edu/Academics/dualenrollment/index.cfm http://www.mass.edu/currentinit/currentinitdualenrollment.asp Maggie O’Brien, Erik Baumann or Mike Vieira
Gateway	Gateway to College	Gateway to College helps high school dropouts (ages 16-21) and students on the verge of dropping out to earn a high school diploma while also earning college credits.	http://www.gatewaytocollege.org/ Steve Ozug
LEAP	Liberal Education and America’s Promise	Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP) is a national initiative that champions the importance of a twenty-first-century liberal education—for individual students and for a nation dependent on economic creativity and democratic vitality... Through LEAP,	http://www.aacu.org/leap/index.cfm BCC’s OATSS Committee has begun discussions of the LEAP Standards and their relationship to BCC’s Educated Person and General Education Requirements.
MACCWDTA	Massachusetts Community College and Workforce Development Transformation Agenda	A \$20 million grant over three years to fund collaboration between the 15 Massachusetts Community Colleges, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Community Colleges, the Massachusetts Workforce Development System, and industry partners.	http://www.gcc.edu/images/October11news.pdf Joan Menard, Fred Rocco, and Sarah Morrell

MC	Middle College	A collaboration between high school and college which provides the opportunity for dropouts to earn a diploma and college credits	Terri Romanovitch
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers	<p>The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a consortium of states working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers. These new K-12 assessments will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students' progress toward this goal from 3rd grade up, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support. The PARCC assessments will be ready for states to administer during the 2014-15 school year.</p> <p>PARCC received an \$186 million grant through the U.S. Department of Education's <u>Race to the Top assessment competition</u> to support the development and design of the next-generation assessment system.</p>	<p>http://www.parcconline.org/</p> <p>More than 10 BCC faculty, administrators and K-12 colleagues attended the Department of Higher Education's statewide meeting of campus leaders to discuss Massachusetts' role in developing standards <u>for college</u> readiness growing out of the <u>Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers</u> (PARCC) initiative on October 28, 2011.</p>
Vision Project		The Vision Project was established by Commissioner Richard Freeland to "the state's master plan to establish the Commonwealth's public higher education system as a national leader in college-going rates, college graduation rates, student learning, success in meeting workforce needs and closing achievement gaps.	http://www.mass.edu/currentinit/visionproject.asp