

## CALIFORNIA

### Distance Learning Cooperative

#### Equitable Access to High-Quality Content and Instructional Continuity Through Canvas LMS



CAEP TAP and OTAN invite California K-12 adult education agencies to participate in the Canvas program; we call it the *California Distance Learning Cooperative (CDLC)*. Earlier in 2021, we launched a Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) pilot with 25 agencies and are now ready to expand by an additional 127 agencies to a total of 152 before the end of June 2022. Our vision would be to have all adult education agencies participating in the CDLC in the next 3 years. Our non-credit and credit community college partners already have 100% access to the Canvas LMS and this would further our efforts for alignment to post-secondary training.

As we continue to face pandemic challenges, many of us are looking for flexible instructional options to help our students persist and meet their educational and career goals. The Canvas LMS is a tool for remote, blended, or in-person learning. Many adult education textbooks have developed Canvas course shells to extend learning for students. Additional benefits include:

- Equitable access to quality content and instruction
- Personalized instruction for students
- Canvas Studio interactive video platform
- Unlimited access to the Training Portal
- Develops college readiness skills
- Unique iOS & Android apps
- State leveraged pricing for licenses
- 24/7/365 support for students and teachers
- Narrows the tech divide
- Allowable use of funds (CAEP, WIOA II)
- Shareable content for teachers
- Anytime, anywhere access with internet
- Engaging and interactive courses
- Just-in-time support from OTAN/TAP

CAEP TAP and OTAN have partnered with Instructure to negotiate affordable state-leveraged pricing for a personalized Canvas learning environment – also called an “instance”- as well as licenses for each agency. OTAN will cover the one-time instance cost of \$2600 and include up to 50 licenses per agency, at a rate of \$5.50 per license, for those who commit to Canvas in 2021-2022 (up to 127 agencies). We will prioritize WIOA II funded agencies but are able to fund non-WIOA, CAEP funded agencies should space allow.

Beginning in 2022-2023, agencies would be asked to use WIOA II or CAEP funds to purchase any licenses beyond the first 50 through a Memorandum of Understanding process with OTAN and CAEP TAP.

If you wish to join the CDLC and start using Canvas this year, reach out via email to [AECanvas@scoe.net](mailto:AECanvas@scoe.net). Alternatively, you can reach out to [support@otan.us](mailto:support@otan.us) or [tap@caladulthood.org](mailto:tap@caladulthood.org).