**Eligible Perkins V Grantees and High Quality College and Career Pathways (HQCCP)**

**Quick Reference Guide**

**This guide seeks to clarify how Perkins V grants (fund codes 400 and 401) interact with the Innovation Pathways and Early College Designation HQCCP programs.**

**How can Perkins V Federal Grant Funds (400 and 401) be used to support Innovation Pathways and Early College efforts?**

Eligible grantees can expend Perkins funds on Perkins allowable costs for High Quality College Career Pathways (HQCCP) programming. Massachusetts created a delivery path for career development education and experiences under the umbrella of HQCCP, which includes Massachusetts vocational technical education programs under MA General Law Chapter 74, Innovation Pathways with a focus on sector occupations, and Early College Designated Programs.HQCCP program goals, including closing gaps across all students and population groups, serve to meet some expectations of Perkins V Core Indicators.

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**STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT (PERKINS V)**

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) represents an important opportunity to expand opportunities for every student to explore, choose, and follow career and technical education programs of study and career pathways to earn credentials of value. The purpose of the Perkins V grant is to assist school districts and public two-year colleges in improving secondary and postsecondary-level career and technical education programs. As set forth in Perkins, the main priority is to close the achievement gap for special populations on the [Perkins core indicators of performance](http://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/cvte/perkins-v/perkins-indicators.docx).

**INNOVATION PATHWAYS**

The [Innovation Pathway](http://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/innovation-pathways) Designation reflects a design to connect student learning to a broadly defined industry sector that is in demand in the regional and state economy. Participation in this kind of pathway, the hallmark of which is a 100-hour internship or capstone, can lead students to opportunities for meaningful careers in that industry sector and prepare them for postsecondary education and training.

**EARLY COLLEGE DESIGNATION**

[Early College](http://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/early-college/) is a model that blends elements of high school and college to provide students with the opportunity to experience and complete college level academic coursework on a clearly articulated pathway while supported by their secondary school. Massachusetts has established an early college designation to recognize high-quality implementation of early college models.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT (NON-DESIGNATED INTIATIVES)**

In addition to the Designated pathways highlighted through the HQCCP, there are additional dual enrollment opportunities including programs like the [Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership.](https://www.mass.edu/strategic/cdep.asp) Massachusetts law defines dual enrollment as high school student participation in a course that qualifies simultaneously for high school and college credit.

**ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR PERKINS V**

For a particular cost to be allowed, it must be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the [Perkins grant](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/perkins/). Expanded guidance about standards for determining costs for Perkins V is available in a newly developed [Perkins V Allowable and Unallowable Costs document,](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/perkins/allowable-cost.docx) which can be used to guide LEAs in expending Perkins (400 and 401) funds. Additional information can be found from the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 CFR Part 200](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/CFR-2014-title2-vol1/CFR-2014-title2-vol1-part200/content-detail.html)).

**Perkins allowable HQCCP expenses must be related to Career and Technical Education courses. The following chart lists Innovation Pathways and Early College Designation budget items and their potential intersection with Perkins Secondary Allocation grant (Fund Code 400) or Postsecondary Allocation grant (Fund Code 401). Please refer to** [this](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/perkins/allowable-cost.docx) **document for a more extensive list of Perkins V Allowable and Unallowable costs. This list is not exhaustive and includes only those items specific to Innovation Pathways and Early College Designation.**

**Symbol Key**

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| **☑ - Allowable** | **🞉 - Allowable, but only under certain circumstances (see** [**expanded**](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/perkins/allowable-cost.docx) **document)** | **☒ - Not Allowable** |

**POTENTIAL COSTS FOR INNOVATION PATHWAYS AND EARLY COLLEGE DESIGNATION**

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| **☑**Contractual services - coaching and consultation associated with the designation   * Translation services |
| **☑**Professional development |
| **☑**Program Administration and Coordination   * Engagement with industry * Providing work-based learning opportunities for students |
| **☑**Support staff |
| **🞉** Course tuition and fees (Early College Only) |
| **🞉** Curricular development |
| **🞉**Instructional related supplies and materials |
| **🞉**Other materials and supplies-   * Promotional/marketing & outreach materials * College textbook (Early College Only) |
| **🞉**Recruitment Opportunities for Students – Fees and Travel for Post-Secondary Institution information sessions and recruitment fairs (Early College Only) |
| **🞉**Stipends for staff and faculty |
| **🞉**Student transportation associated with pathway or designation |
| **🞉**Travel related to the pathway |

**Can Perkins funds be used to plan for early college or innovation pathways?**

Perkins funds cannot be used to develop Early College or Innovation Pathways plans for submission for the Early College or Innovation Pathways designations.

**Can Perkins (Fund Code 401) funding support dual enrollment tuition?**

Yes, if the course is a part of a Career Technical Education Program, can be considered a Perkins course at the postsecondary level. Therefore, it is an allowable cost under the 401 grant. Note, however, that those students may not be considered Perkins concentrators if they do not take a second course in the sequence.