Programs of Study-specific questions:

1. **Q: Are we required to identify a new program of study focus in the Application Narrative, or can it be a continuation of the one we are currently working toward?**

**A**: Yes, you can choose to continue work on an existing program of study if that is what your data and stakeholder engagement informs you to do.

1. **Q: Are we expected to submit the Program of Study Approval form together with the grant application?**

**A**: No, you are not expected to submit the Programs of Study Approval Form at the same time as the grant application. You are able to submit the approval form at any time.

1. **Q: Do I have to complete the Programs of Study Inventory within the Application and submit it with the rest of my Application submission on June 1?**

**A**: No, you do not have to complete the Programs of Study Inventory, as the Inventory is for those Program of Study that have been approved through the ICCB Program of Study Approval process. As of June 1, 2020, no programs of study have been submitted or approved under Perkins V.

1. **Q: We have been submitting the Program of Study Inventory to ICCB annually…so why aren’t those Program of Study considered “approved”? Why do I have to submit a separate “approval form” for each Program of Study?**

**A**: Prior to Perkins V, the ICCB required colleges to identify programs of study that met the definition under Perkins IV. The ICCB did not, and was not required to, approve programs of study. Perkins V expanded the definition of a program of study and requires states to have an approval process for locally-developed programs of study. Additionally, the Illinois State Plan for CTE outlines that programs of study must meet specific size, scope, and quality criteria; this is also new for programs of study. All criteria have been integrated into the Programs of Study Expectations Tool.

1. **Q: If we don’t have to submit the Programs of Study Inventory, do we need to answer any of the questions in the Programs of Study section of the Application Narrative?**

**A**: Yes, you still need to identify what new program of study will be developed and all accompanying questions. You also must complete question two of the Programs of Study section that refers to special populations students.

Additional Application Questions:

1. **Q: Do we need to complete question 1 in the Accountability section of the Application Narrative (Performance Data)?**

**A**: No, you do not need to complete this portion of the Application until FY22, as we do not have data for FY2021.

1. **Q: Do we need to complete question 2 in the Accountability section of the Application Narrative (Performance Improvement Narrative and Performance Improvement Plan) if our performance levels are higher than the state determined levels of performance?**

**A**: Question two of the Accountability section two is divided into two parts, the Performance Narrative and the Performance Improvement Plan. You must complete the Performance Narrative regardless. However, if college performance meets or exceeds the state determined levels of performance, then you do not need to complete the Performance Improvement Plan.

1. **Q: Within the Annual Work Plan, if I add additional activities within the same question, do I need to answer the subsequent question prompts for each activity, or just one time for all activities?**

**A**: We don’t want you to have to repeat information, so you can use your best judgement. For example, if you have three activities for each of the guiding questions, and they are all very different, we encourage you to individually answer those subsequent question prompts; however, it’s fine to answer those subsequent question prompts once per guiding question if you see fit.