



Memorandum to Stacy Mallory, Linn Benton Community College

From: Mason M. Bishop 

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Subject: Curriculum Review: Fourth Set of Five Courses

As part of the third party evaluation for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program for Linn Benton Community College, WorkED Consulting has provided a review of curriculum for five courses. The five courses reviewed include:

1. Curriculum Developer Orientation
2. ECON 201 "Introduction to Microeconomics"
3. OA 110 "Business English"
4. MTH 111 "College Algebra"
5. BI 101 "General Biology"

The review found the following:

1. Learning outcomes were clearly stated for all five courses.
2. Courses were structured with a logical progression of concepts based on first, developing a foundational understanding of the topic, and second, providing higher-level concepts based on the foundation.
3. Course structure has evolved, over time. Progression was easier to follow by utilizing the credit unit, module, and section methodology in some of the courses.
4. All courses had appropriate assessments of learning and competency, including quizzes, labs, and applied activities.
5. Linn Benton appropriately utilized current open educational resources (OER), obtained creative commons licenses when necessary, and identified self-developed curriculum considered OER under the TAACCCT program.
6. When appropriate, industry standards were embedded, and in all cases, appropriate subject matter standards were utilized.
7. Linn Benton will want to monitor student achievement in some of the more challenging courses to determine the efficacy of a totally online approach.

For any questions or further information, please feel free to contact me.

About the Reviewer:

Mason M. Bishop, Principal at WorkED Consulting, is a recognized national expert on employment and postsecondary education policy having served in executive management positions in Utah and Washington, DC. He has served as a community college vice president and as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. As a consultant, Mr. Bishop provides both technical assistance and third party evaluation services, and has subject matter expertise in development of career pathways, using qualitative data to inform continuous improvement practices and methods of teaching and learning. Mr. Bishop has both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's Degree in Public

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