

A New Type of Search Engine and Portal for Competencies and Credentials

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StephanieFood Services Management

Hurt shoulder, can't
lift. Wants to change
to retail mgmt. but
doesn't have
experience. Knows she
has the skills, needs to
show prospective
employers she can do
comparable work



Bob Wounded Warrior, Vet

Not comfortable around non-military culture, wants to prove what he already knows, not jump through hoops and spend money he doesn't have. Likes online courses, but needs lots of support



Zonker Lots of Credits

Stayed in school 8
years, but dad's
cutting him off and he
needs to get a job and
wants to package up
all he's done to show
employers that he has
what it takes



Dot Gamer

Spends all her time playing video games & texting; has own game company.

College is old fashioned, not fast enough. Taught herself programming.

Needs to show what she can do and do it her way











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Already know a lot, just need to be able to show it = **Competencies**

Very impatient with the traditional system of higher education = **Personalization**

Don't have time or money to jump through a lot of hoops = **Contextualized**

Confident and self-directed, want to learn at their own pace = <u>Accelerated</u>

Could drop out if things don't suit them = <u>Wrap-around support services</u>

Want to use their smartphones & tablets to get content = <u>Open Educational Resources</u>

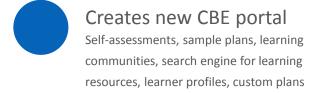




Knowledge to Work Round 4 TAACCCT Grant







- Includes \$750K for a new, nationally-recognized credential
- Offers 7 CBE Program options

 AAS degrees in IST & HIM, certificate in AST,
 career studies certificates in cyber security,
 networking specialist, hospital facility coding, &
 information processing technician
- New personalized CBE model tied to OERs & direct assessment of competencies
- Seeking regional accreditation approval
 Filed substantive change prospectus w/ SACSCOC
 in order to offer these programs 100% through
 direct assessment of competencies

Creates a new type of educational search engine

Will seek Title IV financial aid approval
Pending regional accreditation approval, will file
modification of the program participation agreement
in order to offer Title IV financial aid for these 7 direct
assessment of competencies programs





LFCC's Knowledge to Work Round 4 TAACCCT Grant

Key features



Personalized learning plans

Work w/ faculty to create personalized learning plan for semester attending full- or part-time. Focus on program competencies. Weekly momentum points show faculty-student engagement. Document milestones at the beginning, middle, & end of the semester, recorded in a portfolio. Narrative evaluation of meets/does not meet.



Focused on competences

Program competencies are based on national frameworks from ACM, AHIMA, & IAAP & are mapped by faculty to program student learning outcomes. One-credit equivalent in first semester is spent reflecting on previously attained competencies, documented in a portfolio.



Using digital learning objects/open educational resources (OERs)

K2W provides a new educational search engine to find and use free and low-cost digital learning objects, including curated OERs. Users can filter learning resources by cost, delivery mode, language, complexity. Will include online courses, internships, iTunes U, Khan Academy, MOOCs, Creative Commons, Skill Commons



Documented with direct assessment

Faculty in the discipline identify direct and indirect assessment methods to verify competency attainment. This involves a variety of methods such as projects, exams, assignments, quizzes, & simulations. Faculty use rubrics to set criteria for success. All competencies must be documented at the 80% level or higher to be recorded as met.



Stored in portfolios carried from education to work, w/ documentation of prior learning

Personalized learning plans, direct & indirect assessments, & review of previously learned competencies are stored as artifacts in a portfolio which the student takes w/ him/her from education through life. Prior learning is documented in the same way personalized learning plans are met, through faculty-approved assessments & exams tied to specific competencies



Wrap-around support services & alignment w/ workforce needs

Provides two full-time career coaches, full-time adult education instructor, & full-time Workforce Navigator to ensure alignment between CBE program preparation & the competencies needed for real-time job openings in IT, HIM, administrative support technology, & advanced manufacturing. Ten regional & two national partners.





Semester Plan

Program

Competency

Learning activities

Digital learning object

Assessments

Portfolio artifacts







Pending SACSCOC approval







Adapted by LFCC Faculty Direct Assessment Committee

Association for Computing Machinery Committee for Computing Education in Community Colleges AAS in Information Systems Technology Career Studies Certificate in Networking Specialist Career Studies Certificate in Cyber Security American Health Information Management Association AAS in Health Information Management Career Studies Certificate in Hospital Facility Coding International Association of Administrative Professionals **Certificate in Office Systems Assistant Career Studies Certificate in Information Processing Technician**





Competency Frameworks for CBE programs

HIM Competency Mapping to Courses for AAS Degree











Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching









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AHIMA

American Health Information Management
Association w/ competency framework, career
pathways/job families data, consulting, curriculum
alignment, jobs data, outreach



Advanced manufacturing

Kraft Food, O'Sullivan Films, Evolve Manufacturing, Shockey, Ashworth Brothers



Microsoft

Access to Virtual Academy learning objects, IT career pathways/job families, consulting, curriculum alignment, outreach



Healthcare

Valley Health, Fauquier Hospital system



Community-based organizations

Goodwill of the Valleys, Horizon Goodwill Industries, Shenandoah Valley Workforce Investment Board (WIB)



Information technology

Shentel telecommunications, Shockey



K-12 School systems



Creating a new national credential

Conducting research w/ AHIMA & Microsoft on changing competencies & credential needs; will lead to the creation of a new, nationally recognized credential promoted w/ partnership





Alignment w/ other CBE & OER efforts







C-BEN

Competency-Based Education Network of invited institutional leaders sharing best practices, approaches, & Ideas; funded by Lumina & organized by Public Agenda



IMS Global – CBE Record Standard

Workgroup of IMS focused on setting standards for CBE records, including API & data exchange technologies.

Meets in Atlanta at May IMS conference



CBE4CC

Invitational group of 50 community colleges meeting in June in Denver, funded by Gates & DOLETA/TAACCCT to promote CBE success



IMS Global – Extended transcript workgroup

Project of CBE Record standard workgroup, focus on developing a model & format for an extended transcript to record CBE; working w/ AACRAO & other organizations Presentation at October Educause conference



CCCOER

Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources sharing best practices & models to leverage OER technology, train faculty, & reduce costs



State & System OER efforts

Leveraging State Council of Higher Education for Virginia & Virginia Community College System efforts to encourage OER practices & cost savings



Strategy and Planning Employer and Workforce Curriculum Student Experience Program Delivery











Two full-time career coaches

Modeled after the successful Round 2 grant



Faculty release time/stipends

Provide stipends & release time for full-time faculty to document competencies, identify direct/indirect assessments, review portfolios, & monitor/evaluate personalized learning plans



Adult education instructor
Full-time, located in regional ABE office at college



Full-time CBE faculty member

Subject matter expert for Information Systems
Technology (IST) programs, work w/ IST students
on personalized learning plans



Workforce Navigator



Apprenticeship coordinator

Help identify & promote apprenticeship opportunities in the targeting industries & w/regional & national partners







Two full-time coaches

Housed in the Office of Transition Programs, w/
Regional Adult Education Program, On-Ramp, Job
Placement Coordinator, Adult Education Transition
Coach, and Great Expectations



Builds on round 2 TAACCCT work

Provide outreach, career pathways planning, assistance w/ placement testing, admissions, financial aid, registration, prior learning assessment, portal access, & accessing resources



Includes veterans specialist

Experience assisting veteran's with higher education access



Experience w/ the disabled

With a focus on employability



Certified

Through Virginia Community College System and National Career Coach Certification through CORD



Serve all participants

All locations and online, according to NC-SARA (National Council – State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements)



Aligned w/ related K2W services

Work closely with the grant-funded Workplace Navigator and the Apprenticeship Coordinator









Services not funded under AEFLA

Offer services that have been identified as a high need, but are not eligible for funding under AEFLA (Adult Education and Family Literacy Act)



Contextualized curriculum

Using the PluggedIn VA model, this instructor is identifying existing contextualized curriculum or developing new curriculum that focus on IT, HIM, and manufacturing



Basic skills workshops

Focusing on needs in Math & English to assist students in the transition to post-secondary education & training



Portfolio assessment

Assist students with preparing portfolios for assessment



Virginia placement test prep

Providing practice & instruction to students before they take this test required of all community college students in Virginia



Outreach & recruitment

Assist with outreach & recruitment to the K2W & competency-based education programs



Rapid response

Offering specific services to individuals who are about to lose their jobs due to closure, including on-site instruction & testing



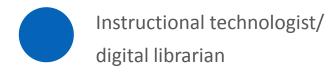












Web/graphics designer

Project assistant

Database administrator

ASP.NET Lead programmer







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Coming soon:

Knowledge to Work portal knowledgetowork.com lfcc.edu/k2w

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Educational search engine highered.org









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