WGU OVERVIEW

WICHE Alliance Meeting

April 2012
Founding:
• By 19 U.S. Governors
• Chartered in 1997

Mission:
Improve quality of and access to higher education for working adults
Accreditation

• Regionally Accredited:
  – Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

• Nationally Accredited:
  – Distance Education and Training Council (DETC)

• Teachers College Accreditation:
  – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
    – The ONLY online education program with this accreditation

• College of Health Professions:
  – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

• Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)
Disruptive Features

• Competency based
• Faculty roles
• Curriculum development and delivery
• Online and flexible
• Assessment
• Students demonstrate what they know and can do

• Learning is the constant – time is the variable

• Competencies developed by industry and academic experts

• A higher standard

• Competency units vs. credit hours
Faculty Roles

Student Mentors
• Help navigate the degree program
• Weekly communication calls and emails
• Assist with any academic roadblocks

Course Mentors
• Subject matter experts
• Learning communities
Curriculum Development and Delivery

• Use technology to deliver instruction
• Asynchronous
• We do not create curriculum materials or content
Online and Flexible

• Study online anytime, anyplace
• Terms
• Monthly start dates
Assessment

- Objective
- Performance tasks
- Projects and portfolios
- Capstone projects for master’s degree programs
- Remote proctored testing
Current WGU Student Population

• Working adults with some competencies
• Average age is 36
• 70% work full time
• 70% from underserved populations
• Over 31,000 enrolled as of March 1, 2012
A Good Fit at WGU

- Community college experience
  - AA, AS, or AAS degree
- Online learning experience
- Related work experience
- Commitment to 15-20 hours per week
- Requires self motivation and discipline
WGU Degree Programs

TEACHERS COLLEGE
NCATE Accredited!

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
CCNE Accredited!

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Affordable Tuition

Bachelor’s & Master’s Degrees
- Tuition $2,890 (6-month term)
- Resource fee $145 (6-month term)

MBA & Nursing Degrees
- Tuition $3,250 (6-month term)
- Resource fee $145 (6-month term)

Scholarships & Financial Aid Available
Community College Partnership

- Competency-based model
  (acceleration potential)
- Generous transfer policies
- Waive application fee ($65 savings)
- Scholarship opportunities up to $2,000
- Substantial savings
- Flat-rate tuition
• Quality education for working adults
• Nonprofit, accredited, and online
• National recognition
• Term-based; competency based model
• Mentor guided – student focused
• Low tuition; scholarships & financial aid
• Community College partner benefits