Competency-Based Degree Programs

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Unifying Concepts of Competency-Based Education

- Competencies
- Quality
- Assessment
- Learning
- Student-Centered
Variations in terms of:

- Ties to the credit hour
- Types of learning activities
- Role of faculty
- Methods of assessment
Direct Assessment Elements

- Degree based on student demonstrating a predetermined set of competencies
- Student learns through a variety of modes
- Faculty serve as mentors and advisors
- Separate faculty as assessors
- Competency-based assessments, with format dependent on the competency assessed
- Students complete assessments at their own pace
Direct Assessment Programs

- Western Governors University
- KCTCS Learn on Demand
- SNHU College for America
- N. Arizona U Personalized Learning
- Westminster University
- University of Wisconsin Extension
- Capella’s FlexPath
- ...and more in development
Issues and Challenges

- Financial Aid
- Quality Standards
- Role of Faculty
- Data and Transcripting
- Accreditation
- Seamlessness with K-12 Common Core