



Competency Based Education Project September 2, 2015

The Past: Clock Hours

- Time = Learning
 - No way to recognize prior learning
 - Students who accelerated were penalized for finishing early (had to pay back FA funds)
 - Students had to spend the literal amount of seat time in the classroom, no way to work from home
 - Students had no ability to transfer learning towards AA, AS, or AAS Degree--had to start over

The Present: Competency Based Learning

- SAT is the ATC for Salt Lake County
- Pilot project for Competency Based Learning has started in the SAT—Will roll out to the larger college community soon
- Students can enroll on most Monday's throughout the year, no more waiting on the academic calendar
- Students prove mastery of competency through two forms of assessment-written and practical—built in Prior Learning Assessment
- Students may access and work on some curriculum from home or anywhere with internet access—must be present in the classroom at least once per week
- Students save time/money by accelerating through curriculum-must maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Moving towards “all you can eat” model of learning Student pays for block of time, accomplishes as much as possible during that time—only pays for what they use
- Internal Articulation Agreements lead to AA, AS, and AAS degrees

The Future Looks Bright

- Competency Based Education Network (C-BEN)
 - One of the first 15 members, first Community College allowed to join
 - Funded by Lumina
- Experimental Sites Initiative
 - Named an Experimental Site from Dept. of Ed. (Competitive Application)
 - One of only a handful (45) of schools across the nation allowed to experiment with awarding of Federal Award Financial Aid
- TAACCCT Grant
 - \$2.3M grant from Dept. of Labor to establish 24 programs in CBE
 - 10 programs currently running, 14 more coming within the next 15-18 months
- National recognition and presentations for CBE Work (Illinois, Phoenix)
- Expand CBE at SLCC to AA, AS, and AAS Degree Programs
 - A.S. Programs in Bio-Tech and Engineering are currently studying the SAT model for roll out to their respective programs