



Blackboard Competency-Based Education (CBE) Solutions

At Blackboard, we fully understand and embrace the spirit and purposes of Competency-Based Education and we are ready to partner with you as you develop your CBE programs. Our consultants and solutions experts can help you provide current and prospective learners with greater time flexibility and a clearer, shorter path to a degree or credential. With your expertise and our experience, you can provide these learners with new knowledge, skills, and abilities to advance themselves in the workplace.

However, CBE models impact many units across the institution by introducing new policies, practices, and processes, and there are several things to consider when preparing to introduce these programs:

Competency Based Education (CBE)

Competency based education (CBE) is an alternative to the credit hour based system of credentialing. Student progress is based on demonstration of proficiency and/or mastery as measured through assessments and/or through application of credit for prior learning. In competency based education programs, time is the variable and student competency mastery is the focus, rather than a fixed-time model where students achieve varying results. In competency based education, as distinct from competency based learning, the focus is on academic programs, practices, and policies.

Planning

Do we have a clear vision, a set of goals, and an approach for CBE's role in the institution – both initial and longer term?

Investment

Are we ready to make appropriate investments that are needed in terms of time, effort and financial resources?

Do we know how will we measure progress and success?

Systems

What technological ecosystems and human resource networks are required for a personalized and smooth pathway for students at each touch point from inquiry to completion? What do we already have in place and what do we need to add?

Policy

Which CBE model will we follow? How will we address financial aid in our CBE model, and what will the faculty workload and compensation look like?

Practice

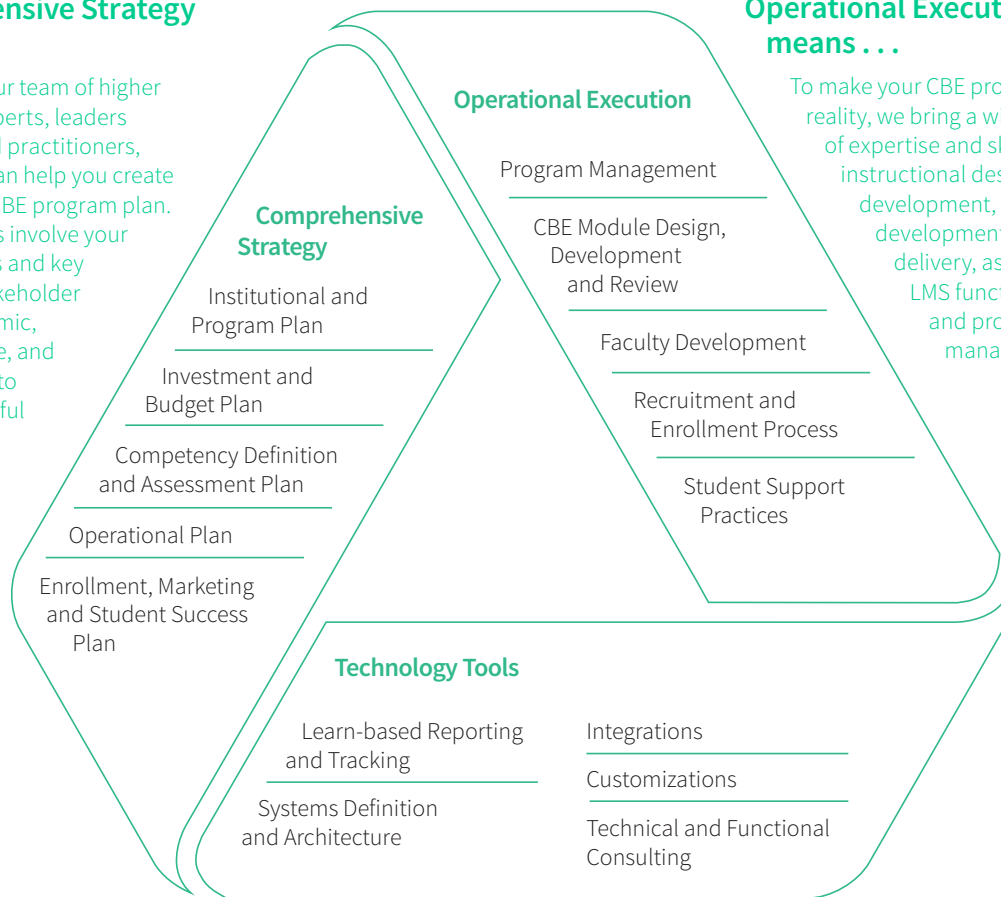
What does a self-paced student experience look like at our institution, and how will we ensure high-quality content, competency, and assessment engagement that leads to successful completion?

Blackboard Can Help

Blackboard's Competency-Based Education portfolio serves institutions, regardless of LMS and other technology infrastructures by providing advisement, technology tools, and support in strategic, operational and technology phases of building your CBE program.

Comprehensive Strategy means . . .

Drawing on our team of higher education experts, leaders and seasoned practitioners, Blackboard can help you create a successful CBE program plan. Our processes involve your senior leaders and key staff in all stakeholder areas - academic, administrative, and technology - to build a powerful road map for your CBE offerings.



Operational Execution means . . .

To make your CBE program a reality, we bring a wide range of expertise and skills in instructional design, faculty development, course development, program delivery, assessment, LMS functionality and program management.

Technology and Tools means . . .

To align technology and tools to the requirements of your CBE program, we draw upon our unparalleled team of architects, developers, analysts, technical customization and integration consultants.

For more information about implementing or scaling Competency-Based Education programs on your campus, contact your Blackboard Sales Professional today.

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