

Competency-Based Education

Charter Oak State College

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What is Charter Oak State College?

- Aggregation model - with Cornerstone and Capstone
 - Student arrive with approximately 75 credits
- Transfer credit friendly
- Competency-based Approaches
 - Portfolio assessment
 - Testing
 - Institutionally reviewed training and certifications

Competency-Based Education

- Disaggregate instruction from assessment
- Accept a wide variety of learning sources
- Provide students with a robust system of assessment
- Transcript successful assessments as courses
- Accept assessment-based credits from other Regionally accredited institutions

Infrastructure Needs

- Common definitions of assessment-based learning among the Regional Accreditors
- Access to Federal Financial Aid
 - Proposal: a demonstration program that lets a set of low cost assessment approaches prove their merits.
- National Database of existing credential and training assessments

A New Narrative

- We need to add a chapter to the higher education biography.
- The story begins with Socratic learning, moves to libraries, adds faculty, morphs universities, carves land grants from the wilderness, upscales adult education into Community Colleges, and invests in for-profits.
- Now the story must add competency-based credentialing