Competency Based Education (Learning)

• Definition:
  - “...measures learning rather than time...regardless of how long it takes.”
  - “...hold learning constant and let time vary.”
    – Dr. Robert Mendenhall, President WGU
  - “...it’s about what you know and are able to do.”
  - “...makes it possible for you to work at your pace, studying only the things that you need to learn.”
    – University of Wisconsin, Flex Option
  - “...assessment is consistent with the institution’s or program’s accreditation.”
    – Title IV, Higher Education Act Program Eligibility
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• Traditional Programs/Courses
  – Fall, Spring, Summer
  – 5, 8, 10, 16 week long classes (Weekend College)
  – Instructional hours: 15 to 90/credit
  – Lecture, Lab, Clinical, Flipped, Blocked, Web Based, Blended
  – All students progress at the same pace (Grading Scale)

• Competency Programs/Courses
  – Progress after Self-Mastery (Pass Assessment)
  – Move to next subject after passing with favorable assessment