Competency-Based Education Forum

Virtual Pre-Session to the 2021 Forum for Excellence
September 21, 2021
Welcome
Whitney Thompson, Deputy Director for Workforce Education, ICCB

Agenda

10:15 AM - CBE 101
  Tiffany Freeze, Principal Consultant, C-BEN

11:45 AM - CBE Community College Landscape
  Jessica Mason, AIR

12:15 PM - BREAK

1:15 PM - Local Implementation Journey
  Christi Amato, Dean of E-Learning, Sinclair Community College (Ohio)

2:45 PM - Closing Next Steps and Resources
How did we get to here?

- Growing interest among community colleges to develop and implement CBE programming
- Equity is a priority for Illinois higher education
- COVID-19 has disrupted our systems - changing expectations of education, training, and work (time for more disruption?)
- While enrollment has declined, a Strada survey (2020) revealed adults who want career changes or upskilling are expected to return to HE in an increase of 25% over the next 5 years
  - Interest remains high for non-degree programs, flexible options, etc.
  - Concerns: cost of HE being “worth it”, confidence in ability to persist and complete, connection to the workforce
Illinois Equity Collaboratory

Participating Colleges:
1. Parkland College
2. Elgin Community College
3. Triton College
4. City Colleges of Chicago
5. Black Hawk College
6. Rend Lake College

Goal: to help institutions and systems action plan in order to use CBE to achieve more equitable outcomes.
CBE 101

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Where do we go from here?

Whitney Thompson, ICCB

Ginger Reynolds, NIU
Heather Penczak, NIU

Resources:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xs0tt-ZB6SO6kPv9RpqzpoTlX2c3WwOw?usp=sharing

Funding

Capacity-Building
● Interviews with Equity Collaboratory Participants
● October 6, 10am Action Plan Discussion
● Faculty Focus Groups
● Webinar with CBE High Schools
● Webinar on Illinois Model: GPEAK
● Spring Virtual CBE Forum
● Analysis of Current Regulatory Context
● Resource Bank with References and Leading Models
Thank you for joining us!

Resources and Recordings will be shared at a later date!