

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FLEXIBLE OPTION

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WHERE ARE WE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF UW FLEX?

- New Name
- “First to Flex” Cohort I programs announced
- Program Development Underway
- Advisory Group Input into Quality, Financial and Operational Components



“First to Flex”

- November 28 Press Event:
 - Cohort I Flex programs announced
 - Website launched and *YouTube* video shown
 - Good Press!

“First to Flex”: UW-Milwaukee

- UW-Milwaukee will offer four degree programs and one certificate program:
 - Two Nursing degrees: R.N.-to-B.S.N. and R.N.-to-M.N.
 - Bachelor's degree-completion program in Diagnostic Imaging
 - Bachelor's in Information Science & Technology
 - Certificate in Professional and Technical Communication through College of Letters & Science

“First to Flex”: UW Colleges

- UW Colleges will:
 - provide an array of general education and liberal arts courses in the new UW Flexible format, in core fields
 - working to provide the Associate of Arts and Science degree via UW Flex

“First to Flex”: UW Extension Independent Learning

- Piloting two courses and a non-credit certificate offered *this winter (not yet advertised)*:
 - College Algebra, Elementary Stats, Cert. in Bus. Math & Personal Finance
 - First 100 students receive research stipend so cost is free in exchange for allowing us to study progress and experiences
 - Enrollments as of Dec 3: 11 in Algebra, 9 in Stats, 5 in certificate

Other UWs

- UW-Superior and UW Independent Learning are developing Flex Option general education courses in Communications and Art History, ready to enroll students in Fall, 2013
- UW-Parkside considering a Bachelor's in General Studies
- In conversation with other UWs where Provosts, faculty, and others are beginning to explore how they might participate

WHAT IS THE FLEX OPTION?

[Video Link](#)

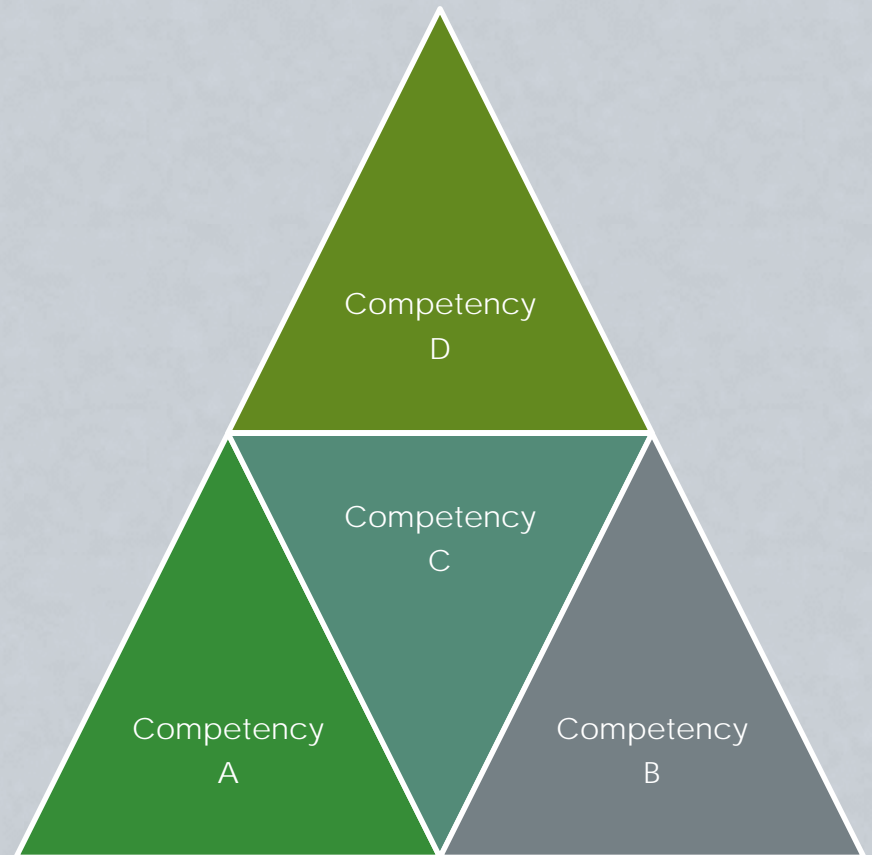
WHAT IS THE FLEX OPTION?

- Competency-based, with degree progress through rigorous assessments
- Supported by strong, proactive, “wrap-around” advising/mentoring/tutoring
- Prior learning & experiences shape all aspects of educational experience
- Quality based on existing faculty and departments
- Aimed at non-traditional, returning students

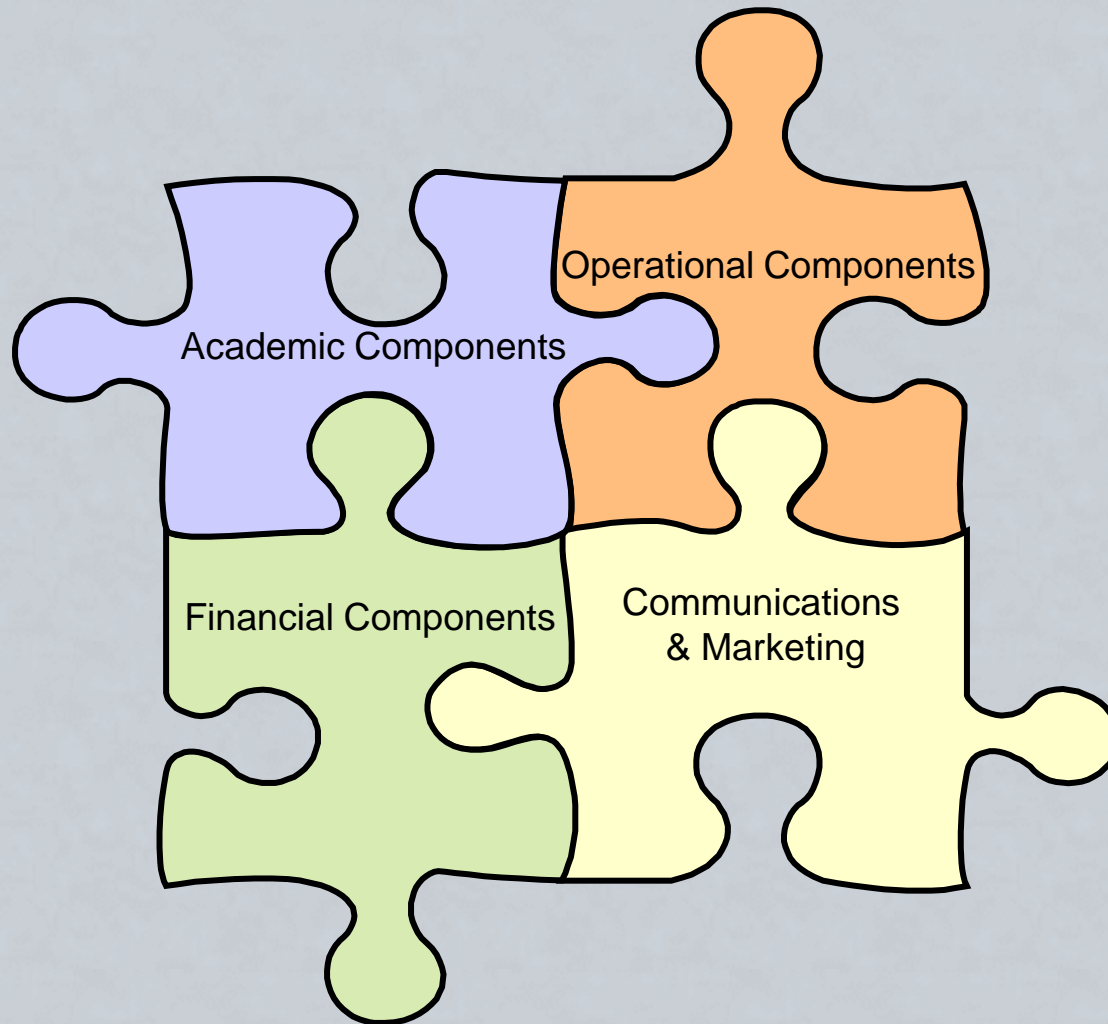


HOW DOES UW FLEX DIFFER FROM TRADITIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS?

- No seat time
- No semesters or terms (start, stop at any time)
- Individualized, proactive, “wrap around” advising/mentoring/tutoring
- Self-paced by
 - length of time to complete
 - number of assessments needed
 - type of support needed



FOUR INTERLOCKING AREAS TO BE DEVELOPED



WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?



- Enrollments
- Retention Rates/Progress towards degree*
- Time to Degree/Completion rate*
- Employability

* Successful completion may mean stackable credentials vs. degree

UW FLEX ON THE WEB

- Information about UW Flex is available on the UW System's eCampus site:

<http://www.ecampus.wisconsin.edu/online-degree-programs/flex-option.aspx>