

Competency-based Learning as a Means of Integrating Curricular and Extracurricular Entrepreneurship Education Opportunities

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This proposal seeks to introduce competency-based learning as a method to enhance the quality and impact of UCF entrepreneurship education, and to better align students' new venture development efforts with their progress toward graduation. Competency-based learning is an emerging approach to professional education that leading universities are just beginning to adopt. Competency-based strategies provide flexibility in the way that credit can be earned or awarded and provide students with personalized learning opportunities. We believe competency-based learning will allow us to blur the lines between alternative modes of learning and help students making significant investments in developing startup ventures to realize academic success. Our proposal seeks to: 1) map entrepreneurship competencies; 2) implement these competencies in an IT platform capable of tracking student achievement; 3) market our new integrated learning processes to entrepreneurial students throughout the UCF campus.