

Also known as...

K-12 uses the term “proficiency-based learning” or “personalized learning”. Employers also organize training around competencies or proficiencies.

Competency-Based Education

Oregon leads -

At the K-12 level, Oregon is known as a leader in proficiency-based learning. But after high school, students encounter traditional learning in Oregon higher education.

How does it help?

CBE allows students to move through learning at a pace appropriate for each student - faster in some areas, and slower in others. It engages learners with hands-on learning, and allows learners to bring other experience to bear on the material.



Assessment Tools

Assessment tools can vary based on the competencies being learned, and may reflect the learner’s skills and interests.



“learning is the constant, time is the variable”

Cousin to CTE

Career-Technical Education (CTE) and competency-based share a common hands-on approach that fully engages the learner. CTE describes content; CBE describes methods.



Time & Money

According to OHSU, in the first cohort of the new CBE-based MD program, 32 of the 139 students were able to graduate a term early, saving over \$17,000 in tuition and fees alone.