



DUAL CREDIT ARTICULATION COMMITTEE SHARE FAIR

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Bow Valley College Story

- Full commitment from BVC President and Senior team
- Requests from districts sets direction for courses/programs
- Started February 2014 with 12 students – 1 course
- Past Semester 111 students taking 3 different courses including 2 HCA programs
- Expanded slowly
- Currently 204 individual courses completed plus 64 students in HCA program (9 courses)

Dual Credit BVC Courses

- ❖ **Business Law**
- ❖ **Introduction to Marketing**
- ❖ **Introduction to Management**
- ❖ **Introduction to Entrepreneurship**
- ❖ **Global Tourism**
- ❖ **Medical Terminology I & II**
- ❖ **Anatomy & Physiology**
- ❖ **Introduction to the Criminal Justice System**
- ❖ **Interpersonal Relations and Communications Skills**
- ❖ **Early Learning Child Care**
- ❖ **Full Health Care Aide**
 - ❖ – 9 college courses including 200 hours of Clinical and Client Care Practicums

School District Partners

- Canadian Rockies Public Schools
- ◆ Christ the Redeemer Catholic
 - ◆ **(No grant funding)**
- Foothills School Division
 - ◆ **(No grant funding)**
- Calgary Board of Education
- Calgary Catholic School District
- Southern Alberta FrancoSud
- Clearview School Division
- Rundle College high school
 - **(No grant funding)**
- Red Deer Catholic

Student success

- ◆ **Business & Medical Terminology courses (146 students)**
 - ◆ Average Mark 80%
 - ◆ 4 failed – less than 50%
 - ◆ 5 students 50% - 60%
 - ◆ 7 students withdrew

Health Care Aide Program

- ◆ 61 students
 - ◆ 10 fully completed – 3 currently studying Nursing at BVC
 - ◆ 3 students failed a course in first year and repeated course over summer
 - ◆ Blended delivery
 - ◆ Flexible time frame
 - ◆ 2 cohorts Stettler High School with adult learners in one semester
 - ◆ Calgary Catholic and Southern Alberta Francophone district combined cohort being offered over two years and a summer
 - ◆ New Cohort beginning in February will be offered over 1.5 years

Key Factors to success

- ❑ Flexibility
- ❑ Communications: college – district – students (Continuous)
- ❑ Deans understand dual credit and benefits
- ❑ College instructors given more time to work with dual credit students and school teachers
- ❑ Teachers are actively monitoring the students progress throughout the course

Key Factors to success

- Contract between BVC and school district with Roles & Responsibility
- Orientation Day at college
- Classes from 6 to 38 students
- Certificates for 4 courses completed
 - ◆ i.e. Business Dual Credit Certificate



Key Factors to success

- ◆ Location of courses flexible
- ◆ District teachers as college instructor
- ◆ Flexible semester dates
- ◆ Start up costs
- ◆ Having a dedicated dual credit person in the college/school system as the central contact

Successes

- ❖ Increasing in number of districts and students
- ❖ College faculty buying into dual credit
- ❖ Success students have attained
- ❖ Positive feedback from students, parents and teachers
- ❖ Multiple school district students in same cohort
- ❖ Commitment from the top of organization
- ❖ Flexibility on the part of both organizations
- ❖ Sustainable

Lessons Learned

- Ensure all students are ready to begin (login in ability, expectations, etc.)
- Instructors understand dual credit process
- Flexibility in registration process
- Timing of courses (start & end dates, spring breaks)
- Learn about each other's systems to help bridge gaps between K-12 and post-secondary
- Coordinate and utilize a communication processes

Challenges

- ❖ Space at the college
- ❖ Overloading departments
- ❖ Keeping costs affordable and sustainable
- ❖ Districts reluctant to get involved
- ❖ College instructs adults – adjust for high school students

Sustainability

- Capacity Building- Instructors / Administration / Executives are changing the way they think about high school students
- Districts finding a way to over come new funding model - AE
- Use of school district teachers to instruct courses
- Students calling from districts wanting to get involved
- Developing Dual Credit Manual



THANK YOU

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