

2013-14 Program Review

Best Practices Form

Instructions: *Submit this form as a separate attachment with your completed Program Review.* Programs often do something particularly well; usually they have learned through assessment—sometimes trial and error—what solves a problem or makes their programs work so well. These are often called **Best Practices** and can help others. Please share the practices your program has found to be effective. The contact information lets others know whom to contact for more information. This part of Program Review is linked to the Student Success Strategic Goal: “Become an exemplary model of student success by developing and implementing best practices.” For examples of Best Practices visit the Program Review Committee’s website.

Program/Department: Spanish

Name of Chair/Director/Manager: Tom Moran

Email Address: tmoran@bakersfieldcollege.edu

Phone: 395-4537

Best Practice(s):

Spanish B1AB and Spanish B2AB are going through curriculum review and experiencing big changes. By Fall 2014, both courses will have shorter instructional time (going from 5 units down to 4 units) while expand coverage on course content (covering Arriba book in two semesters, instead of three semesters).

To minimize the impact these changes will have on our students, the Spanish faculty decided to try the new curriculum before it is officially implemented. We eliminated the Destinos video series, and re-distributed the Arriba chapters so that the entire book is taught in two semesters. This allows us the opportunity to identify possible problems and search for solutions ahead of time.