

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.

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Best Practice(s):

Enhance students’ success with online instruction.

The welding faculty has implemented an online component to the existing curriculum in 6 of the 15 sections offered within the program and launched it in the summer of 2013. The embedded technology uses CourseMate (companion to the text book) to give the students out-of class instruction that supplements face-to-face instruction. CourseMate has required material including PowerPoint and Videos supplementing our lecture and text book assignments and has the ability to track test and quizzes for assessment and evaluation. This is the second semester of its implementation and evaluation and assessment will continue with results being compared from semester to semester. Five existing sections were revised in CurricUNET (Weld74A, Weld 53A, Weld 54A, weld 55A, & Weld 55B) and Weld B81 was created as a new section using this technology combining two previous sections.