

## Competency-Based Education (CBE) Resource List

### Organizations

United States department of Education – Federal Student Aid – Experimental Sites Initiative:  
<https://experimentalsites.ed.gov/exp/guidance.html>

Competency-Based Education Network (C-BEN) – National Consortium (Public Agenda):  
<http://www.cbenetwork.org>

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) – CBE Jump Start Program (Lumina): <http://www.cael.org/what-we-do/competency-based-education>

EDUCAUSE - Next Generation Learning Challenges (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation):  
<http://www.educause.edu/events/breakthrough-models-incubator>

### Guidelines

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