

Handout 1—Management Competencies

Leadership Skills

Models appropriate professional behavior and encourages other staff members to act in a professional manner

Demonstrates effective interpersonal and communication skills

Encourages active involvement of all staff and stakeholders in decision-making process

Establishes and promotes the philosophy, goals, and objectives of adult education

Initiates and facilitates change process

Advocates for the development of the field of adult education at national, state, and local levels

Consistently operates with a partnership mindset, and deliberately seeks and explores internal and external partnerships to establish and realize a common vision for students and broader community

Resolves conflicts by seeking clarification, eliciting patterns and links across ideas, and facilitating a methodical approach to reach a mutually agreed upon compromise or solution

Exercises effective negotiation skills to gain consensus and produce favorable outcomes during high-stakes decision making

Practices a collaborative interest-based decision-making process that engages key stakeholders, honors diverse stakeholder interests, and results in solutions based on common interests

Utilizes innovative marketing strategies to effectively promote mission, services, and distinguishing organizational attributes that benefit students and families

Instructional Leadership

Initiates and monitors the process of curriculum design and development and supports instructional processes and strategies based on research in adult learning and development

Compiles and/or uses various needs assessments to determine staff, learner, and community needs

Establishes structures, expectations, and supports to cultivate high functioning professional learning communities (PLCs)

Resource Management and Allocation

Identifies and applies for additional funding independently or collaborates with other programs and partners

Effectively manages and allocates the budget

Uses financial resources to support the program's mission and goals and to foster continuous program improvement and accountability

Identifies and utilizes resources to enhance the instructional process



Understands and applies knowledge of financial best practices including short and longterm budget projections, need-based prioritization, and routine budget oversight and monitoring

Leverages funding by employing strategic, unconventional approaches to cross-sector teaming and partnerships to maximize available funds and resources

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Human Resources Management

Using established criteria, recruits, hires, evaluates, and terminates staff

Program Monitoring and Reporting

Promotes clear procedures for collecting, documenting, and reporting data

Monitors and evaluates the program and uses the data for program improvement and accountability

Professional Development Practices

Plans, promotes, and models life-long learning practices

Promotes continuous professional development for staff

Encourages and promotes professional development activities related to technology

Supports peer-to-peer capacity building through job-embedded coaching and mentoring of novice teachers by more experienced peers*

Community Collaboration

Builds relationships with various agencies and institutions to enhance the delivery of services

Accesses and makes available information to clients about community resources and issues, and relevant laws and regulations

Equity

Promotes an environment that values and appreciates linguistic and cultural differences

Promotes organization wide, culturally responsive policies and practices

Establishes systemic supports for historically underserved students, nontraditional students, students with disabilities (SWDs), English learners (ELs), and LGBTQs, to achieve access and success

Upholds and communicates an organizational belief that that all students are capable of success, and that their individual identity and agency is affirmed and valued

Analyzes structural aspects of curriculum, and identifies barriers to learning and opportunities to incorporate diverse perspectives and experiences

Promotes organization wide, culturally responsive policies and practices