Create Competencies

Competencies are defined as a major skill a student will learn and demonstrate in a course. A competency must be measurable and observable. What a student should be able to do upon completion of the course.

There are three ways to add content for competencies in WIDS 2 Web:

Under the Outline of Instruction Tab, select Course Competencies on the left side of the screen, then click Edit in the upper right corner.

You will now have three options:

1. Add competency
2. Import competencies from text
3. Import from a bank or library
1. Add competency. If you select Add Competency, you can search for a verb using a keyword, domain, or level. You can then type your competency in the text box.

*Note: Competencies must be written using verbs at the “Applying” level or higher. The levels are listed from the highest to the lowest according to Bloom’s Taxonomy.

2. Import competencies from text. If you select Import Competencies from text, you can paste imported text in the box.

Click **Process Text**, select the boxes for items to import, and click **Add Selected Items**.
3 Import competencies from a bank or library. This option allows you to pull competencies from other courses. When you import the competencies, you can also import the corresponding learning objectives and performance standards (criteria). This can be a huge time saver.

In the “Project Title or Number” box, type the course number or name you want to pull the content from (this is the source you are going to import from). Then click Search. You can search by course number or name.
Double click the course you want to pull content from. You can now select which competencies, criteria, assessment strategies (conditions), and learning objectives to import, if available. Click Save when done.
Once you import competencies and their corresponding criteria, learning objectives, etc., from another course, you then have the option to edit this content.
Create Learning Objectives

Learn Objectives are supporting skills, knowledge, or attitudes that contribute to the mastery of the competency, often defined as sub-skills, or smaller skills, knowledge or attitude that contribute to mastery of the “Big Skill” or competency.

Learning Objectives should be written for each individual course competency.

Under the Outline of Instruction Tab, select Course Competencies on the left side of the screen, then the Learning Objectives tab. Click Edit in the upper right corner.

Choose the competency from the drop-down list for which you are going to write learning objectives. The process is similar to that described to create competencies.