

Implementing Outcomes Based Education in Foundation Program

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Abstract

This paper looks at how Foundation Program at Dhofar University in the Sultanate of Oman aligned its English language program with the principles of outcomes based education. The Ministry of Higher Education, Oman, decided to lay down a policy of higher education that will assess the Higher Education Providers' academic programs on the basis of the standards which are known as Oman Academic Standards. Students are required to have acceptable competencies in the following four areas: English language, Mathematics, Computing and Study Skills. This paper discusses how Foundation Program at Dhofar University aligns its courses with the learning outcomes and that this is a program that delivers its courses much the same as the Outcomes Based Education methodology.

Keywords: GFP, learning outcomes, OAS, OBE

INTRODUCTION

Oman is one of the Gulf Countries that has laid emphasis on educating its human resource. To ensure that the Higher Education Institutions(HEIs) provide quality education, they are required to go through the process of licensing and accreditation by Oman Academic Accreditation Authority (OAAA). In order to get accreditation, every institution has to run a General Foundation Program (Ministerial Decision No. 72/2008) to 'prepare students for effective participation in higher education.' This program targets secondary school graduates who fail to attain the prescribed learning outcomes in the areas of English Language, mathematics, computing and general study skills (1.1 and 1.2 Oman Academic Standards for General Foundation Programs document OAC Ministry of Higher Education).

The Foundation Program (FP) of Dhofar University is one of the first to be recognised as a program that has 'aligned its Foundation program with Oman's National General Foundation Program Standards.' In this context, it is important to understand the General Foundation Program (GFP) standards and the related learning outcomes to determine whether the GFP at Dhofar University can be compared to the Outcomes Based Education (OBE) as advocated by William Spady (1994), according to whom, OBE is a process of "clearly focusing and organizing everything in an educational system around what is essential for all students to be able to do successfully at the end of their learning experiences (p.1).

1.WHAT IS OUTCOMES BASED EDUCATION?

Outcomes Based Education aims at designing a curriculum and implementing it focusing on what students can actually do after they are taught. OBE expects the educators to ask what the teachers want the students to learn, why they want to learn it, how best they want the students learn it and how will the teachers know what the students have learnt.

Thus, in OBE the desired outcome is selected first and the curriculum, instructional materials and assessments are created to support the intended outcome (Spady 1988; 1993). Outcomes according to Spady, are ".....clear learning results that we want students to demonstrate at the end of significant learning experiences" (1994, p. 2). These outcomes determine the curriculum design. It is a kind of informed teaching and learning. Learners know beforehand what they are going to learn and how they are going to learn what they learn, and the teachers know what their students are expected to learn and how best they will be able to use the learnt experience in doing what they are expected to do at the end of the learning.

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Program Evaluation in Language Education R. Kiely, P. Rea-Dickins, 2005-07-26 The authors describe evaluation as a way of understanding and developing language programs the thematic and background section sets out the decision making quality management and learning functions of evaluation Case studies illustrate the diversity of evaluation contexts functions and approaches documenting the ways in which evaluation processes and outcomes inform and facilitate program development and contribute to explaining how language and teacher education programs constitute opportunities for learning The ways in which evaluation practice can be researched and developed to maximize policy institutional and program effectiveness is included and a comprehensive set of resources for those commissioning undertaking or researching language program evaluations concludes the text

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Open Architecture Curricular Design in World Language Education Andrew R. Corin, Betty Lou Leaver, Christine M. Campbell, 2025-07-01 A guide to a textbook free approach to world languages curriculums that will improve learning outcomes Open architecture curricular design OACD is a textbook free curricular design framework for teaching and learning world languages that integrates all the best practices in world language education to enhance learning efficiency and effectiveness As editors and pioneers of this method Corin Leaver and Campbell define OACD for world language instructors and second language acquisition researchers from middle school through higher education and beyond The book's chapters demonstrate how to use OACD for a wide variety of languages and proficiency levels in government service academy and university programs Topics covered include the use of authentic texts at all levels learner involvement in the selection of content and activities and methods of assessment and program evaluation

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conditions of increasing sociolinguistic diversity and change Yet most work on this subject focuses on linguistic cognitive pedagogical or policy dimensions of education and linguistic diversity failing to address social and political issues This volume argues that these are central to understanding the significance and consequence both of educational policy and practices in multilingual settings and language policy and practices as they manifest themselves through education Specifically we argue that language practices in these settings reveal struggles over the establishment of authority and legitimacy they can be interpreted as voices expressing a variety of social positions and interests to the resources distributed through educational institutions and processes They reveal what is at stake and for whom in choices made at state institutional school and other levels regarding both language of instruction and assessment as well as regarding language teaching and learning and the evaluation of linguistic proficiency

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Teaching Adult English Language Learners Richard A. Orem,2005 This resource brings together information about policy second language acquisition theory and research methods and materials for teaching adult English language learners program design and cross cultural issues that effect learning in adult ESL classrooms It also discusses the context within which adult ESOL instructors work and in which adult ESOL programs function The framework for this discussion of context draws from the

developing framework of standards for teachers of adult learners under consideration by TESOL Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Inc This book is designed for faculty and students in adult education graduate programs and other TESOL preparation programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels that target adult learners Other audiences are adult ESL program directors and policy makers as well as educators working in elementary and high school many of whom are connected to populations of adult learners through the parents of the children they serve

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