

Course Competencies Template - Form 112

GENERAL INFORMATION		
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Course Prefix/Number: CGS1541	Course Title: Database Applications	
Number of Credits: 4		
Degree Type	□ B.A.       □ B.S.       □ B.A.S.       □ A.A.       □ A.S.       □ A.A.S.         □ C.C.C.       □ A.T.C.       □ V.C.C	
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☐ New Course Competency ☐ Revised Course Competency		
Course to be designated as a General Education course (part of the 36 hours of A.A. Gen. Ed. coursework): ☐ Yes ☐ No		
The above course links to the following Learning Outcomes:		
<ul><li>☐ Communication</li><li>☒ Numbers / Data</li><li>☒ Critical thinking</li><li>☒ Information Literacy</li><li>☐ Cultural / Global Perspective</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Social Responsibility</li> <li>□ Ethical Issues</li> <li>☑ Computer / Technology Usage</li> <li>□ Aesthetic / Creative Activities</li> <li>□ Environmental Responsibility</li> </ul>	
Course Description (limit to 50 words or less, <u>must</u> correspond with course description on Form 102):  This course is designed for students who require a knowledge of how to work with current database applications. Students learn the concepts, features, and commands of a database and how to apply them to a variety of real world and business applications using the Microsoft Access application. Prerequisite(s): CGS1060 and basic knowledge of database applications. Laboratory fee. A.S. degree credit only (3 hr. lecture, 2 hr. lab)		
Prerequisite(s): CGS1060	Corequisite(s):	

<u>Course Competencies:</u> (for further instruction/guidelines go to: <a href="http://www.mdc.edu/asa/curriculum.asp">http://www.mdc.edu/asa/curriculum.asp</a>)

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate a practical understanding of database fundamentals by:

- 1. Defining a database.
- 2. Defining the components of a database.
- 3. Describing the structure of a database.

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate the use of the Microsoft Access 2007 Database Application by:

- 1. Describing and using the Access 2007 components.
- 2. Describing and using the Access 2007 objects.
- 3. Creating a database.
- 4. Creating tables.
- 5. Creating fields with appropriate data types.
- 6. Creating basic Forms, Reports and Queries.

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate the understanding and use of Indexing by:

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- 1. Defining an index.
- 2. Describing the need for indexing.
- 3. Delineating the similar nature of indexes and keys.
- 4. Describing the several types of keys.
- 5. Implementing the several types of keys on various tables in a database.

# Competency 4: The student will demonstrate an understanding of basic database design principles by:

- 1. Determining the appropriate Field Data Type and Field Size for every field in every table.
- 2. Create tables via the Design Function, Importing Data and the Wizard.
- 3. Assigning the appropriate keys and indexes to the tables.
- 4. Create basic table relationships.

### Competency 5: The student will demonstrate the maintenance and update of a database by:

- 1. Defining and describing a query.
- 2. Creating efficient queries.
- 3. Using both the query wizard and the query design tool to create queries.
- 4. Including the use of criteria in the selection and omission requirements of the query.
- 5. Including basic aggregation and computations in select queries.
- 6. Querying from several tables concurrently.
- 7. Creating queries that perform pattern searching, include logical constraints and derive data.

### Competency 6: The student will ensure data integrity in the database by:

- 1. Defining data integrity.
- 2. Creating table relations with referential integrity.
- 3. Incorporating cardinality and semantics into the relationships.

#### Competency 7: The student will create information presentation objects and functions by:

- 1. Creating Forms and Reports via the Design and Wizard functions.
- 2. Using Dynamic Data Types.
- 3. Including advanced aggregation techniques.
- 4. Performing basic analytic techniques using the Data Sheet view, creating Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts.
- 5. Applying the analytic techniques on real-world large size data sets.

# Competency 8: The student will demonstrate knowledge of database maintenance and security by:

- 1. Performing basic database maintenance as part of the Access functions.
- 2. Analyzing database performance as part of the Access functions.
- 3. Linking several databases.
- 4. Allocating the Trusted Site feature to the database(s).
- 5. Modifying the Database Properties.

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