

Stages of the Assessment Cycle

Departmental Mission

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Plan Implementation

What are we doing well? What needs to be changed or modified? What is our plan to improve student learning?

Programmatic Outcomes

Are goals clearly stated? Linked to programmatic goals? Measurable? Have clear benchmarks?

Plan For Using Analyzed Data

What is our process for sharing and discussing the results?

Learning Outcomes

What should students learn? Can we measure what students learn?

Data Analysis and Interpretation

What do the results show? What did our students achieve/learn? What are the gaps between desired and actual results?

Methods of Assessment

Do the tools we implement measure what we want to know? Have we used a variety of tools and are they appropriate, valid, and reliable?

Data Collected from Assessment Methods

Did we have an appropriate sample size? Was the sample representative of the population? Did we summarize the data accurately?

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