
Purdue Fort Wayne Assessment Workbook

A Supplement to the Purdue Fort Wayne Assessment Handbook



Overview

The PFW Assessment Workbook provides departments and programs a set of resources to support their assessment effort. These resources guide academic departments in designing an assessment strategy for their program and implementing the strategy to complete the Annual Assessment Report. The worksheets can also be downloaded in a fillable pdf file on the Office of Assessment website.

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Overview of Resources

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Part Four: Annual Report Outline:

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Part Five: Tracking the Impact of Assessment Driven Innovations:

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Resource 1b: Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

Definitions	I. Remembering	II. Understanding	III. Applying	IV. Analyzing	V. Evaluating	VI. Creating
Bloom's Definition	Exhibit memory of previously learned material by recalling facts, terms, basic concepts, and answers.	Demonstrate understanding of facts and ideas by organizing, comparing, translating, interpreting, giving descriptions, and stating main ideas.	Solve problems to new situations by applying acquired knowledge, facts, techniques and rules in a different way.	Examine and break information into parts by identifying motives or causes. Make inferences and find evidence to support generalizations.	Present and defend opinions by making judgments about information, validity of ideas, or quality of work based on a set of criteria.	Compile information together in a different way by combining elements in a new pattern or proposing alternative solutions.
Verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose • Define • Find • How • Label • List • Match • Name • Omit • Recall • Relate • Select • Show • Spell • Tell • What • When • Where • Which • Who • Why 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classify • Compare • Contrast • Demonstrate • Explain • Extend • Illustrate • Infer • Interpret • Outline • Relate • Rephrase • Show • Summarize • Translate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply • Build • Choose • Construct • Develop • Experiment with • Identify • Interview • Make use of • Model • Organize • Plan • Select • Solve • Utilize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze • Assume • Categorize • Classify • Compare • Conclusion • Contrast • Discover • Dissect • Distinguish • Divide • Examine • Function • Inference • Inspect • List • Motive • Relationships • Simplify • Survey • Take part in • Test for • Theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree • Appraise • Assess • Award • Choose • Compare • Conclude • Criteria • Criticize • Decide • Deduct • Defend • Determine • Disprove • Estimate • Evaluate • Explain • Importance • Influence • Interpret • Judge • Justify • Mark • Measure • Opinion • Perceive • Prioritize • Prove • Rate • Recommend • Rule on • Select • Support • Value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt • Build • Change • Choose • Combine • Compile • Compose • Construct • Create • Delete • Design • Develop • Discuss • Elaborate • Estimate • Formulate • Happen • Imagine • Improve • Invent • Make up • Maximize • Minimize • Modify • Original • Originate • Plan • Predict • Propose • Solution • Solve • Suppose • Test • Theory

Anderson, L. W., & Krathwohl, D. R. (2001). A taxonomy for learning, teaching, and assessing, Abridged Edition. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

Worksheet 1b: Developing Student Learning Outcomes

List expected knowledge and skills developed in Worksheet 1	Assign the level of learning expected at graduation using action verbs from Anderson & Krathwohl (2001)	Programmatic Student Learning Outcome Statement

Worksheet 1c: Writing Assessable Student Learning Outcomes Statements

The statement of a programmatic learning outcome can be expressed as a statement including these elements:

Upon Completion of the program, students will be able to (action verb(s) denoting level of learning) + (object describing what students should be able to demonstrate or produce).

For example, across a number of disciplines, an expectation of graduates is an ability to use and analyze data to inform decisions. A generic programmatic student learning outcome for this expectation might be:

Upon graduation, students will *analyze and interpret (action verb) data to produce meaningful conclusions and recommendations (product).*

Statement Form (Fill in the Blanks)

Upon completing my program students will:

to

as evidenced by (optional statement)

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3.1 Description of Department's Assessment Model:

In the box below, describe how the department/program is assessing student progress to Programmatic SLO's at key common points in matriculation to degree (Appendix D, Section IV)

3.2 Measures:

In the table below, describe when the assessment occurs, expected level of achievement relative to the outcome, and the measure used to evaluate student performance.

(Paste Programmatic SLO in this Space)

When Assessment Occurs	Expected Level of Learning	Measure

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3.3 Description of Metrics of Rubric for each Assessment:

In the box below, describe the metrics or rubrics used to evaluate student progress to Programmatic SLO's at key common points in matriculation to degree (Appendix D, Section IV)

3.4 Dissemination and Planned Improvements Plan:

In the box below, describe how you will use the assessment findings to improve the program and who you will communicate your findings to.



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- Section 1: Student Learning Outcomes for the Program (SD 15-6 Appendix D Section I)
- Section 2: Curricular Maps
 - A. Map of Programmatic SLO's to Baccalaureate Framework (Appendix D, Section II)
 - B. Map of Programmatic SLO's to Identified "core courses" in the curriculum (Appendix D, Section III)
- Section 3: Assessment Plan
 - A. Description of Department's Assessment Model (see Blackboard, Workshop 1) – How is the department assessing student progress to Programmatic SLO at key common points in matriculation to degree (Appendix D, Section IV)
 - B. Measures Used (Appendix D, Section IV)
 - C. Rubrics or Evaluation Metrics Descriptions
 - D. Description of Plan for Disseminating and Using Findings for Programmatic Learning Improvement
- Section 4: Assessment Results
 - A. Current Year Assessment Findings (Appendix D, Section V)
 - B. Proposed Changes to Address Findings (Appendix D, Section V)
 - C. Prior Year Assessment Findings and Description of Changes Made (Appendix D, Section IV)
 - D. Assessment Findings for Curricular Changes Made Appendix D, Section V)
- Section 5: Conclusions, Next Steps, and Communication (Appendix D, Section V and Section VI)

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