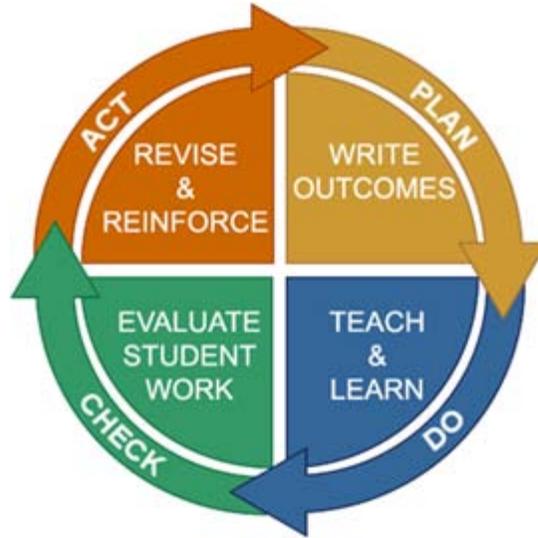


YSU Office of Assessment

Fall 2013 Faculty Update



Greetings!

We hope your fall is off to a wonderful start! Please enjoy our newsletter below for updates and links to assessment activities and happenings around campus.

Spotlight: Campus Student Learning Assessment Efforts

There is so much exciting work in student learning assessment happening on the YSU campus. Faculty are working to improve student learning and student success in a multitude of ways. Here are a few examples from the spring Assessment Appreciation and Poster Event this past April.

["Minority Student Success in Baccalaureate Nursing Programs"](#)

Cheryl Bosley, Nursing, researched what works in minority student retention (partially funded with an Assessment Mini-Grant)

["Creative Assessment in the Arts"](#)

Joy Christensen-Erb and Rich Helfrich, Art, summarized the department's student learning assessment process

["Assessment as a Catalyst for Research"](#)

Upcoming Workshops

Click links to register

Intro to Survey Monkey
[Thursday, October 24, 3-4 pm](#)

Completing Assessment Plans and Reports (new combined workshop)
[Tuesday, October 1, 10-11:30am](#)
[Wednesday, October 2, 1-2:30pm](#)

Open Question Forum: Assessment Plans and Reports, Tod Hall 359 (Drop-in, no registration link)
Wednesday, October 16, 12-1 pm & 3-4 pm

John Hazy, Criminal Justice, outlines how student learning assessment has been used by faculty in BCHHS to foster research

See all the posters from the spring Poster Event by visiting our website at: <http://web.yzu.edu/assessment/poster>.

Thursday, October 17, 12-1 pm & 3-4 pm

Teach Students How to Learn:

Metacognition is the Key (co-sponsored with the Faculty Development Committee)

[Tuesday, October 8, 1-2:30 pm](#)

All Assessment Materials Available

In response to your feedback in the spring assessment survey, the OOA released the assessment plan and report templates in July. All the additional resources, including tips on completing the form and evaluation rubrics, are available on our website:

web.yzu.edu/assessment/templates

Although the plan and report are not substantially different, there are a few changes to note:



- There are fewer questions on both the plan and report.
- We have combined the plan and report workshops into one workshop.
- We will also offer our new “open forums” where you can ask questions or consult on your plan or report preparation; see sidebar for dates.

All assessment plans and reports are due Thursday, October 31, 2013.

Good Read: Assessment

Brief

[“What New Faculty Need to Know About Assessment”](#)

By Pat Hutchings

This short brief provides a good overview of how student learning assessment fits at the course, program, and institutional level.

Sponsored by the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment.

Spotlight: Assessment Feedback Survey, Spring 2013

Faculty responses provide valuable information for the OOA on the status of assessment on campus, as well as ways we can more effectively foster student

learning assessment activities. Thank you! A few highlights:

- 96 faculty respondents, or a 22% response rate
- 64% of respondents felt that assessment was going well or very well in their department
- 83% expressed satisfaction (moderate, very, or extremely satisfied) with workshops offered or sponsored by the OOA; the OOA offered 19 workshops to over 300 faculty and staff participants in 2012-13
- 86% expressed satisfaction with the Office of Assessment overall

Actions steps taken based on faculty feedback:

- Releasing 2013 assessment reporting forms in July
- Sharing more positive news about assessment (this newsletter!) across campus
- Advertising workshops, especially professional development-focused offerings, more widely
- Updating our website to provide more resources

Office of Assessment Mission

The Youngstown State University Office of Assessment coordinates and supports assessment activities across campus. We support the accreditation standards of the Higher Learning Commission by assisting faculty and staff in systematic, comprehensive assessment and improvement of student learning. The Youngstown State University Mission and 2020 Strategic Plan guides our work in building a positive culture of assessment, using of data responsibly to improve institutional practice, and using assessment to support and promote student success.

Assessment Review Volunteers

Consider volunteering to review assessment reports—it is a great university service that only requires a short-term commitment!

Opportunities are primarily focused on fall reviews, but there are also some spring reviews performed.

Email the Office of Assessment if interested.

Services and Programs

- Assessment workshops
- One-on-one or departmental assessment consultations (by appointment)
- Assessment Innovation Mini-Grant Programs
- Best Practices in Assessment Poster Competition
- Professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to improve student learning assessment skills and knowledge
- Administration and dissemination of campus-wide student learning assessments (e.g.,

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