

Annual Assessment Report Template

In an effort to develop a unified reporting format for assessment of student learning, both for General Education and for individual programs, please utilize the following report format for University Annual Assessment Reports.

Please continue to include the five-column summary format which provides a quick snapshot of the programmatic assessment process.

College:	
Department:	
Report prepared and submitted by:	
Date:	

1. <u>Introduction/Context & Program Highlights:</u>

a) Provide summary information about your program that is important for peer reviewers to contextualize your assessment report.

(Writing an introduction or describing the context of your program is very helpful to the reviewers of assessment reports, as they do not review assessment reports in their own programs. This means that presenting some background information about your program will help reviewers situate your assessment efforts, both in terms of achievements and improvable areas.)

- b) Outline any improvements or changes since the last 5-year program review based on review of findings related to:
 - i) curriculum AND/OR
 - ii) assessment plan

(As a result of engaging in continuous improvement efforts, one possible outcome has to do with improvements made to the curriculum of your program. Improvements may have been made to the assessment processes in place. In either case, outline these changes as evidence of use of assessment data.)

c) Share a preliminary forecast related to anticipated improvements or changes for the coming year:

(Based on the data presented as evidence of continuous improvement related to program curriculum (or structure and/or sequence of services) AND/OR assessment processes, generate some statements representing expected developments in the program over the course of the next academic year. All this information will frame the review of your assessment report.)

2. **Program Learning Goals**:

a) What are the goals of your program in terms of student learning? Indicate which of the University's Learning Goals (http://catalog.concord.edu/) align with the learning goals of the academic program.

(This question focuses on the set of goals (sometimes called objectives) each program has in terms of what students are expected to learn by attending classes in your program. Please reference University Learning goals as Skills #1, #2, etc.and/or Knowledge #1, #2, etc. and/or Attitudes #1, #2, etc.

- b) Is there any change in terms of program goals compared to the previous year? -
 - NO
 - YES: If so, what triggered the change? How has it been implemented?

(These questions help reviewers determine changes to the set of student learning goals based on a collaborative effort to develop, implement, and evaluate them.)

3. **Program Outcomes**:

a) What are outcomes of your programs in terms of student learning? Include student learning outcomes mapped to the University Learning goals identified in section 2 above, as well.

(This question relates to the evidence students in your program could produce to demonstrate their learning or needs are being met through services provided. In other words, at the end of a cycle of instruction, what proof do you have that students learned (or did) what they were expected to learn (or do)? For **academic programs**, the outcomes should be stated in terms of what students will know, be able to do, and/or demonstrate as dispositions deriving from the teaching and learning process.)

- b) Is there any change in terms of program outcomes compared to the previous year?
 - NO
 - YES: If so, what triggered the change? How has it been implemented?

(These questions help reviewers determine the changes to the set of student learning outcomes based on a collaborative effort to develop, implement, and evaluate them.)

4. **Data Collection**

a) What *direct* and *indirect* methods did you use to measure the degree to which the student learning outcomes meet (align with) the goals of your program? Provide a description of assessment tools used in Appendix A (see sample chart)

(Your program determines how to collect evidence of student learning. To this end, your program could utilize a range of direct methods of assessing student learning, such as standardized or instructor-created tests, projects, portfolios, performances, etc.. Additionally, your program could use several indirect methods of assessing student learning, among which we mention surveys, questionnaires, individual student or focus group interviews, etc.)

- b) Is there is any change in terms of data collection methods compared to the previous year?
 - NO
 - YES: If so, what triggered the change? How has it been implemented?

5. **Data Analysis & Findings and Reviews**

a) How did your program analyze the student learning assessment data collected? What are your findings/results? How do they compare to the findings/results from the previous academic year?

(Every program is expected to have new data so **this section should be updated each academic year**. Comparing the most recent results to previous years is important in determining if improvements are being made or could be made.)

- b) If applicable, have the reviewers' recommendations from the previous year's report been addressed? If so, please explain how this has been done.
- c) Who was involved in the review of the findings from your analysis of student learning assessment data? When did the review process take place?

(Every program should review collaboratively student learning assessment data at least once a year)

6. **Follow-Up Actions**

a) Based on your review of findings, what changes have been made to the curriculum, OR activities, OR services, OR goals, OR student learning outcomes (choose all that apply) in your program? Also, have any of these changes led to modifications in the process of collecting and/or reviewing student learning assessment data?

9This is one of the most important sections of the report and should be updated each year. Assessment of student learning is a form of data-driven decision making that impacts our curricula, instructional practices, and quality of support services provided. With this in mind, elaborate on the actions taken as a follow-up to the analysis of the student-learning assessment data. If no actions were taken, what was the rationale behind that decision?)

b) If the case, have the reviewers' recommendations from the previous year report been addressed? If so, please explain how this has been done.

(Program Assessment Summary Table Format – Summarize the program's assessment efforts. NOTE: column 3 is not limited to/expected to have 3 assessment criteria & procedures; this is just the requested format to summarize the assessment report.)

Degree Program:			Period Covered:	
Program Mission				
Statement				
Program Learning Goals	Departmental/Program	Assessment Criteria &	Assessment Results	Follow-Up Actions
aligned to CU Learning	Student Learning Outcomes	Procedures		
Goals				
Program Goal:		1a.		
		1b.		
Aligned to CU Learning Goal(s):		1c.		
		2a.		
		2b.		
		2c.		

Appendix A
Sample Chart for Summarizing Assessment Tools (you may create your own chart, as well)

		Type or Form of Assessment		Supporting Documentation Provided in Report		
	Title of Assessment			Assessment	Scoring Guides/Criteria	Data Table
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						