

Learning/Academic Affairs Assessment Vision

The mission of Northwest Arkansas Community College is to be “a community-responsive college that ignites passion, unlocks potential, and creates economic mobility.” Central to achieving this mission is NWACC’s commitment to developing exemplary and innovative academic programs within a student-centered learning environment.

Faculty, staff, and administrators are dedicated to meeting students where they are and fostering an inclusive environment that supports learning, growth, and success for all. This commitment is reflected in many aspects of the student experience, including personalized attention, small class sizes, comprehensive academic support services, and resources such as the Library, Information Commons, learning centers, and flexible course delivery options.

In keeping with this commitment to student success and continuous improvement, NWACC regularly assesses its academic programs to evaluate the extent to which student learning has occurred and educational needs have been met. Through this process, the College ensures that its programs remain effective, responsive, and aligned with the needs of its students and the communities it serves.

Assessment of student learning may be defined as ongoing process of:

- Establishing clear, measurable expected outcomes of student learning at the course, program, and institutional levels.
- Ensuring that students have sufficient opportunities to achieve those outcomes.
- Systematically gathering, analyzing, and interpreting evidence to determine how well student learning matches expectations.
- Using the resulting information to understand and improve student learning