



Learning/Academic Affairs Assessment Vision

The mission of NorthWest Arkansas Community College is to “Empower Lives, Inspire Learning and Strengthen Community, through Accessible, Affordable, Quality Education.” One of the major tools NWACC has is building exemplary and innovative academic programs within the context of a student-centered learning environment. Faculty, staff and administration at NWACC focus on meeting our students where they are and creating an environment that promotes and grows a learning environment inclusive to all. This is expressed in a number of ways including individual attention to students, small class size, student supports like the Library, Information Commons, and learning centers, and flexible course delivery models. It is in this spirit that we assess our academic programs to determine the extent to which learning has occurred and student educational needs have been met.

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.