

NWACC- Assessment of Student Learning

Institutional Alignment Plan

This institutional alignment plan is intended to illustrate how the efforts associated with student learning assessment align with the colleges' overall mission, vision, strategic plan, and accreditation efforts.

Mission:

*Empower Lives, Inspire Learning and Strengthen Community,
through Accessible, Affordable, Quality Education*

Vision:

Positively changing the lives of those we serve

Strategic Plan: Ends, Goals, Objectives, Key Performance Indicators

End Statement: For the learning community we will: Provide expanded access to educational opportunities for the population in general, but especially for under-served learners in all age groups who are disconnected from education by choice or circumstance and will actively support student retention and completion.

Strategic Goal #2 of 7: Provide Quality Programming and Assessment

Strategic Objective #4 of 5: Conduct assessment and make recommendations.

KPIs: *Assessment is not listed as one of the colleges' Key Performance Indicators yet it is still extremely important to the overall effectiveness of the institution. However, program level assessment is related to KPIs #7, #8, and #11.*

Accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission

AQIP Category (1 & 6 of 6)

Category One: *Helping Students Learn* focuses on the design, deployment, and effectiveness of teaching-learning processes (and on the processes required to support them) that underlie the institution's credit and non-credit programs and courses.

Category Six: *Quality Overview focuses on the Continuous Quality Improvement* culture and infrastructure of the institution. This category gives the institution a chance to reflect on all its quality improvement initiatives, how they are integrated, and how they contribute to improvement of the institution.