

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE YOUR ASSESSMENT RESULTS.

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- ▣ At the end of the discussion, the learner should be able to:
 1. Write effective assessment questions.
 2. Interpret assessment information.
 3. Analyze assessment feedback.
 4. Implement changes needed from the assessment.
 5. Assess the changes made.



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Your Last assessment:

- ▣ Did you get the answer you wanted?
- ▣ Did you get the information you needed?
- ▣ Were you able to interpret and follow through with assessment?
- ▣ Did you ask the right question(s)?



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- ▣ What is Assessment?
- ▣ “Assessment is the systematic collection, review, and use of information about educational programs undertaken for the purpose of improving student learning and development.”

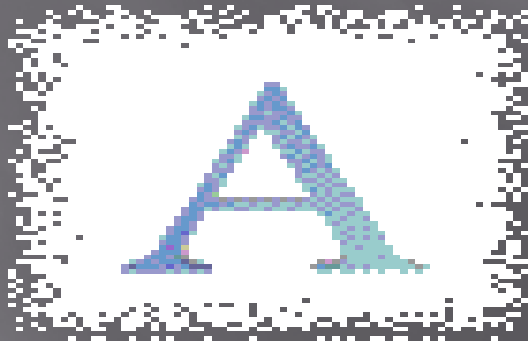
▪ Marchese, in Palomba and Banta, *Assessment Essentials*, 1999

Simply this

- ▣ You teach (A) (a) (A) (a)
- ▣ You want to know if the learner(s) met an objective
 - Pick the objective
 - ▣ Ask yourself “what you really want to know”
 - How do I get the information
 - ▣ Is it a skill, memorization, or critical thinking?
- ▣ Assess
- ▣ Follow through

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- ▣ Assessment is..
 - A process, not an action or activity, in which the improvement of learning supersedes self-justification or reporting as a goal.



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- ▣ Focus on the Learning.
 - What learning matters most? What matters most to you about teaching and learning?
 - What new approaches have you experimented with recently? What issues remain?
 - What data and information on learning do you have? Use? Value?
 - What are you going to do next?



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- ▣ Types of Measurements:
 - Direct: students demonstrate that they have achieved an expected outcome:
 - ▣ Pretest/posttest
 - ▣ Projects
 - ▣ Capstones
 - ▣ Clinical experience



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- ▣ Types of Measurements:
 - ▣ Indirect: reports of perceptions of how well students are achieving the objectives
 - ▣ Graduation rates
 - ▣ Surveys



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▣ How Assessment Helps:

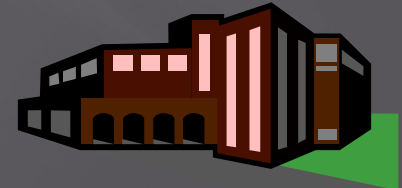
1. Students learn when we and they are clear about what they are expected to learn.
2. Students learn better when they receive frequent, specific feedback about their work.
3. Faculty know more about student learning and can direct teaching efforts more efficiently.



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▣ How Assessment Helps:

1. Faculty, full-time and adjunct, can agree on and better envision student learning outcomes for courses and programs and can teach more effectively.
2. Staff across the institution can coordinate learning experience to make learning more effective.



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- ▣ Why do an Assessment activity if you are not going to take action with the result?
 - ▣ Obtain more budget money for much needed lab equipment
 - ▣ Obtain a smaller class size for a better Professor/student ratio.



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- ▣ Make changes in the curriculum.
- ▣ Inform you stakeholders of the status of your institution.
- ▣ Overall, improve teaching and learning on the campus.



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▣ Tips:

- Keep it simple.
- Communicate with other faculty, in order to be on the same page within each department.
- Remember: it is about the students' learning!



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- ▣ Questions?
- ▣ Comments?