Annual Assessment Update Report for Academic Programs AY 2019-2020

Northern Illinois University

**Introduction**

The Annual Assessment Update (AAU) report is part of NIU’s program review process. Its purpose is to ensure that degree programs continue to make use of an effective assessment plan, which enables them to collect and use student learning outcomes (SLO) data for continuous program improvement during the years leading up to program review. The key to maintaining an effective assessment plan is to regularly connect assessment results with specific student learning outcomes. The AAU provides a venue for this. In addition, programs can use their annual data to build a multi-year database of student performance that represents the program’s SLOs. That database can then be used to identify evidence of the program’s continued effectiveness.

***Annual Assessment Updates***

Due each year

AAE feedback

Report on at least 2 student learning outcomes

***Status Report***

4/5 years approx.

Report on **a**ll student learning outcomes

UAP feedback

***Program Review***

8 years approx.

Review of program’s assessment practices and their impact on program quality

APC feedback

In this report, degree programs are asked to select two or more SLOs on which to report. Data for each SLO selected should come from assessments administered during the previous academic year (summer 2019, fall 2019, and/or spring 2020 semesters; spring 2019 data may be included if not reported in the program’s prior annual report). *Due to the unusual circumstances during spring 2020 (i.e. mid-semester transition of all classes to remote learning) , programs may choose to report solely on assessment data collected during fall 2019 or may want to include any innovative assessments adopted during spring 2020.*  Additional resources for assessing learning outcomes developed for current real-time transition to remote-learning are available through [NILOA](https://www.learningoutcomesassessment.org/).

In addition to providing SLOs, programs are also asked to provide detailed descriptions of each program assessment method, the desired program-level and student-level performance targets for each method, and a brief discussion of how the results have suggested or led to program improvements. Please use the template beginning on the next page to create your AAU. The template can also be found on our website at go.niu.edu/degree-programs under the section “Annual Update.” A sample report is available there as well.

Please complete the template and email it, along with copies of each assessment method instrument (e.g. rubrics, surveys) used to collect data, to [assess@niu.edu](mailto:assess@niu.edu).

*Additional information:*

For those in need of assistance or unfamiliar with the annual assessment update report or its relationship to program review, please feel free to contact Carrie Zack at 815-753-0816 or [czack@niu.edu](mailto:czack@niu.edu).

Prior years’ submissions and feedback are stored in Blackboard under “Tools—Content Collection—Institution Content—Assessment Services,” and then within each college program, there is a folder called “annual-assessment-update.” Each folder contains the submissions and feedback for that year.

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Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **\_\_**

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to**: [assess@niu.edu](mailto:assess@niu.edu)

Report Completed by:

Name:

Department:

Email:

**Instructions:**

1. First, check the Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation website at <http://www.niu.edu/effectiveness/assessment/degree-programs.shtml> to verify that the program’s posted assessment plan (including SLOs and methods of assessment) is up-to-date. If the plan is outdated, please send the current assessment plan (as a separate attachment) with the program’s AAU report to [assess@niu.edu](mailto:assess@niu.edu). This may also be a good time to refer to feedback from last year’s AAU to determine whether those recommendations have resulted in or might soon result in changes to the program’s assessment plan and/or the contents of this year’s report.
2. Choose two student learning outcomes (SLOs) to report on this year. It will be useful to refer to Annual Assessment Updates submitted by the program in previous years to ensure coverage of all SLOs over a period of 2-3 years. This will be important in preparation for the next program review or mid-cycle status report.
3. Ensure that the data reported are from summer 2019, fall 2019, and spring 2020 (if available). Spring 2019 data may be included if not reported in the program’s prior annual report.
4. In addition, be sure to disaggregate the data from each assessment method or portions of an assessment that correspond to an individual SLO (e.g. individual rubric lines/criteria, sections/items from a test or assignment).
5. Complete the template on the pages that follow. Erase instructions as you fill in the program’s data and information.
6. Email completed program AAU report and assessment method instruments (e.g. rubrics, surveys) to Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation ([assess@niu.edu](mailto:assess@niu.edu)). Thank you.

| **Program Student Learning Outcome Assessed** | **Assessment Method(s)** | **Summary Assessment Results for Each Method** | **Use of Results for Continuous Improvement** |
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| **SLO I.** From the program’s most recent assessment plan (check here: [Academic Degree Programs Assessment](https://www.niu.edu/effectiveness/assessment/degree-programs.shtml)), please insert the student learning outcome (SLO) reported here | Method 1. Insert a brief description of the assessment method(s) used to measure this student learning outcome.  -Indicate the desired **program-level target** for this method.  -Indicate the desired **student-level target** for this method. | Insert summary of results for this assessment method that relate to the SLO indicated here (include the **sample size**, **date the data were collected**, and the obtained program-level data.) | Insert conclusions and a discussion of how these assessment results inform actions taken or being considered for enhancement of program quality as it relates to the SLO indicated. |
| Method 2. If more than one assessment method is used to measure this SLO, insert a brief description of the additional assessment method(s).  -Indicate the desired **program-level target** for this method.  -Indicate the desired **student-level target** for this method. | Insert summary of results for this assessment method that relate to the SLO indicated here (include the **sample size**, **date the data were collected**, and the obtained program-level data.) | Insert conclusions and a discussion of how these assessment results inform actions taken or being considered for enhancement of program quality as it relates to the SLO indicated. |
| If more than one method is reported for this SLO, what conclusions are being drawn regarding student performance on the SLO from the **results taken together? What actions are being considered for enhancement of program quality to address these conclusions?** |  | |

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| **SLO II.** From the program’s most recent assessment plan (check here: [Academic Degree Programs Assessment](https://www.niu.edu/effectiveness/assessment/degree-programs.shtml)), please insert the student learning outcome (SLO) reported here | Method 1. Insert a brief description of the assessment method(s) used to measure this student learning outcome.  -Indicate the desired **program-level target** for this method.  -Indicate the desired **student-level target** for this method. | Insert summary of results for this assessment method that relate to the SLO indicated here (include the **sample size**, **date the data were collected**, and the obtained program-level data.) | Insert conclusions and a discussion of how these assessment results inform actions taken or being considered for enhancement of program quality as it relates to the SLO indicated. |
| Method 2. Insert a brief description of the assessment method(s) used to measure this student learning outcome.  -Indicate the desired **program-level target** for this method.  -Indicate the desired **student-level target** for this method. | Insert summary of results for this assessment method that relate to the SLO indicated here (include the **sample size**, **date the data were collected**, and the obtained program-level data.) | Insert conclusions and a discussion of how these assessment results inform actions taken or being considered for enhancement of program quality as it relates to the SLO indicated. |
| If more than one method is reported for this SLO, what conclusions are being drawn regarding student performance on the SLO from the **results taken together? What actions are being considered for enhancement of program quality to address these conclusions?** |  | |

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| Repeat for additional student learning outcomes as needed **(although only two outcomes are required for this report)** | Insert a brief description of the assessment method(s) used to measure this student learning outcome. | Insert summary of results for this assessment method that relate to the SLO indicated here (include the **sample size**, **date the data were collected**, and the obtained program-level data.) | Insert conclusions and a discussion of how these assessment results inform actions taken or being considered for enhancement of program quality as it relates to the SLO indicated. |
| If more than one assessment method is used to measure the additional program student learning outcome, insert a brief description of the additional assessment method(s). | Insert summary of results for this assessment method that relate to the SLO indicated here (include the **sample size**, **date the data were collected**, and the obtained program-level data.) | Insert conclusions and a discussion of how these assessment results inform actions taken or being considered for enhancement of program quality as it relates to the SLO indicated. |
| If more than one method is reported for this SLO, what conclusions are being drawn regarding student performance on the SLO from the **results taken together? What actions are being considered for enhancement of program quality to address these conclusions?** |  | |

Submit the completed Annual Assessment Update report (and **copies of each assessment method instrument**) to [assess@niu.edu](mailto:assess@niu.edu).