WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a great fall semester. In this issue you’ll find exciting news about UGA’s new Excellence in Academic Program Assessment Award, registration links for Xitracs refresher sessions, and reminders to support you as you complete your LOA report. As always, the Office of Assessment is here to provide additional support, resources, or professional development for you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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NEW FOR 2024 – 2025

Office of Instruction Sponsors Excellence in Academic Program Assessment Award

The Office of Instruction seeks to recognize excellent practice in assessment for continuous support of student learning and success, as well as promote a collaborative culture of assessment. The Award for Excellence in Academic Program Assessment aligns with the mission of the Office of Instruction to “empower instructors and students to enhance the teaching and learning environment across campus.”

Winners of this award provide leadership in UGA’s efforts to cultivate a strong culture of assessment for student learning. Award recipients will be recognized during Honors Week in spring semester and through various university marketing efforts. Winning programs will receive a certificate as well as catered breakfast for the program faculty provided by the Vice President for Instruction to be shared among the program faculty.

For details on eligibility and selection, visit the OVPI website.
EVERGREEN ASSESSMENT TIPS
Although assessment is a continuous process, the academic year aligns neatly with the natural starting and stopping points of the cycle. Analysis, the penultimate step in annual assessment, determines the direction of not only the final step, but the assessment cycle to follow. Consider the following questions as your program faculty review last year’s data and watch this 4-minute video for a quick discussion of examples. For more on the entire assessment loop, visit the Resources section of the Assessment website or the Analysis and Reporting section on our eLC course.

What do the collected data mean?
What do the data reveal about the curriculum effectiveness?
How well have students demonstrated their learning?
Have students met faculty expectations for learning?

Share Your Feedback on Office of Assessment
Click here to take the 3-4 minute survey.

Clarified 2024 LOA Feedback Rubric
The Learning Outcomes Assessment Feedback Rubric has clarifications based on feedback regarding last year’s changes.

Reminder: Program Learning Outcomes Assessment reports are due in Xitracs on October 1, 2024.