

Assessment of Student Learning

Assessment of student academic achievement is an accreditation requirement of the Higher Learning Commission. Student learning outcomes have been established for general education and for each program of study. They reflect what the student should know, think or be able to do at the successful conclusion of the program of study. Data is collected for each outcome and is analyzed by faculty to determine to what extent each outcome is being achieved. The goal is to continuously improve student learning. Assessment data assists in determining the extent to which students are attaining the technical, transfer and general education objectives throughout the curriculum, as well as success in utilizing those skills after graduation. Advisory committees assist departments in keeping their plans of study current by identifying skills students will need to be successfully employed and to stay current in their field. It is the intent of NDSCS that all students will participate in planned assessment activities appropriate to their programs of study.