

Northwest Commission on College and Universities (NWCCU) Annual Update for Washington State Quality Awards (WSQA) Academic Year 2021 - 2022 Due October 28, 2022

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Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Implement an effective, regular, and comprehensive system of assessment of student learning outcomes at the course, program, degree, general education, and related instruction levels, and use the results to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices that lead to enhancement of student learning achievements. (2020 Standards 1.C.5, 1.C.7)	In support of Guided Pathways, faculty in multiple programs worked on aligning course outcomes to program outcomes to the College's Core Abilities. Math faculty piloted an assessment approach for the Thinking Core Ability. The Instructional Program Planning & Review committee updated its program review questionnaire to collect evidence of program learning outcomes assessment from the past 5 years and a program improvement plan based on this evidence.	Alignment of outcomes across levels provides a structure for an assessment system. Assessment evidence and improvement plans will be collected at least every 5 years as part of an existing program review system.

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Recommendation 2: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Define procedures for evaluating the alignment and integration of institutional planning and the allocation of resources for achieving the intended outcomes of programs and services with respect to accomplishment of core theme objectives. (2020 Standards 1.B.1, 1.B.3)	OC implemented a new governance structure that includes the Governance Coordinating Council (GCC) that oversees strategic planning and the Budget and Finance Council (BFC) that oversees allocation of resources. GCC and BFC began developing procedures for their respective councils and areas of oversight.	The establishment of the governance system ensures that institutional planning and allocation of resources have regular, strategic oversight with involvement of constituents across all college areas and classifications.