

# WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Western Community College Area Board of Governors' Policy

<b>TITLE:</b>	Assessment of Student Learning
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Academic and Educational Programs
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	Curricular and Co-Curricular Studies
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	Higher Learning Commission Program Review and Learning Outcome Requirements; Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education, Rule 4 (281 NAC 4: 006)
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### **Purpose**

This policy addresses the requirements set forth by the regional accrediting agency and the Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education to assess the extent of student learning via acquisition of knowledge, skills and competencies in coursework, program and institutional learning outcomes.

This policy ensures that the processes of assessment are carried out in a manner that is fair, valid, robust, manageable and relevant.

### **Scope**

This policy shall pertain to curricular and co-curricular programs offered at Western Nebraska Community College.

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### **Policy**

The WNCC President and the WNCC executive leadership team shall work with various departments to ensure that:

1. Assessments will give students the opportunity to work towards achievement of the applicable institutional learning outcomes. Assessments may also be aligned with other profiles, e.g., for programs, majors or specializations.
2. Assessments will be relevant and measures will be taken to ensure that what is being assessed is clear to students.
3. Assessment criteria will be transparent and made available to students in a timely manner.

4. Staff will be encouraged to use a range of assessment methods to reflect different learning styles and strategies.
5. Assessment methods will ensure that students with disabilities are provided with appropriate opportunities to demonstrate their achievement of learning outcomes.

**Revising this Policy**

This Board Policy supersedes any prior WNCC Policy, procedure, guideline or handbook on this subject matter.

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