

UNM-Taos State of Assessment Report

2013-2014 Assessment Period

Overview: Provide a brief overview (approx. 3-6 sentences) of the college/school/branch by addressing questions like the following:

- UNM Taos has made great strides over the past three years with General Education Core assessment. We are particularly strong in the areas of Writing and Speaking and Humanities. We have assessment outcomes for Mathematics and Fine Arts as well. The additional areas have agreed to begin their course assessments in the fall. As for program assessment, we have a history from the prior accreditation period of program goals and student learning outcomes for all of our associate degrees and certificates. These program goals and SLOs are in need of modifications or updating and assessment measures need to be put in place for each SLO. We have formed a CARC and have created an agenda and timeline for working on this program assessment. We are additionally in the process of identifying an assessment coordinator for this ongoing process since our previous one has too many other assigned duties. We believe that with a strong assessment person at the helm, our program assessment plan will move forward and our maturity rubric scores will increase significantly in the next academic year cycle.
- We have identified members for our CARC and have set agendas for program assessment. Each degree program and certificate has had lead members identified and they have been tasked with reviewing prior program goals and SLOs and making appropriate modifications/updates. At the end of this process, the CARC has agreed to review the degree and certificate program goals and SLOs as a team for final review and approval. We then will identify assessment measures for one SLO for each program and begin the assessment cycle. We have monthly meetings at the current time and would invite professional development opportunities should they arise. We are in agreement that we would like to invite Neke Mitchell, Director of Assessment at UNM, to attend a CARC meeting for professional development purposes.
- UNM Taos currently has 22 active degree and certificate programs. Some of these programs are currently in Curriculum Workflow for minor revisions.

Academic Program Maturity Rubric Scoring and Evaluation

- At the current time, our Maturity Rubric scores are low. This is due, in part, to our concentration over the past several years on general education core assessment. We are now shifting our focus to program assessment while continuing our general education core assessment in the background. We feel that we will demonstrate improvement over the next assessment cycle.
- Specific plans for improving our scores are included above; they include the identification of the CARC, identification of an assessment coordinator, the outlining of the assessment timeline, and professional development.