

OEE's Fall 2024 Newsletter
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Dear Assessment Coordinators,

Welcome back to the Fall 2024 semester! Please take a moment to review the Office of Educational Effectiveness' Newsletter (below and attached), which includes important updates on academic program assessment, general education assessment, department/program review, and our upcoming schedule of [workshops and events](#).

<p>OEE Newsletter</p>	<p>Welcome Back to Fall 2024!</p>	
<p>Dear Assessment Coordinators,</p> <p>Welcome back to campus for another exciting semester! We hope you enjoyed a restful summer and are ready to tackle Fall 2024. Check out our new and improved newsletter for important information about assessment in the months ahead.</p>		
<p>Assessment Workshops & Events</p> <p>Join OEE for an exciting lineup of workshops on assessment topics like Universal Design, AI, alternate taxonomies, representing the student voice, reflective practice, and equity in assessment. Register in advance for in-person or zoom options on our events calendar.</p> <p>Save the date for our 3rd Annual Assessment Symposium on October 30, 2024 in the Student Union!</p> 	<p>Academic Program Assessment</p> <p>2023-24</p> <p>Thanks to your hard work and collaboration, we received 95% of all academic program assessment reports (APAR) during the 2023-24 academic year! Programs will receive formative feedback on their reports from the Assessment Council this Fall.</p> <p>2024-25</p> <p>The APAR deadline has shifted to September 30 annually in response to feedback from assessment coordinators, academic programs, and Assessment Council members.</p> <p><i>This means that your next APAR is due September 30, 2025 for the 2024-25 academic year. There is no report due this September.</i></p> <p>Stay tuned for more details on how to submit your report in our streamlined content management system.</p> <p>For more information on the assessment cycle timeline, check out the FAQs on OEE's reporting page.</p>	<p>General Education Assessment</p> <p>2023-24</p> <p>OEE assessed all 20 SBC categories in Spring 2023 with the assistance of SBC instructors. We found that 80% of students performed at the "Acceptable" level or better in 16 of the 20 categories. For more detailed information on the outcomes of this assessment, read the summary report.</p> <p>2024-25</p> <p>Following a vote by the Assessment Council, SBU adopted a staggered approach to general education/SBC assessment. We will continue with our mixed-methods 'guided conversations' approach, but will only assess 4-5 categories per year to align with MSCHE recommendations on sustainable practices. Assessment conversations will take place in the Spring as a reflection on completed Fall courses.</p>
<p>Coordinator Feedback: Surveys & Focus Groups</p> <p>OEE will be reaching out to learn more about our your perceptions of the assessment process in the coming months! Please consider participating in the upcoming assessment coordinator survey and/or focus group discussions. Your feedback will be valuable as we continue to foster a culture of data-driven improvement at SBU. Invitations to participate are heading your way soon!</p>	<p>SBC Categories</p> <p>Instructors teaching in the following SBC categories this Fall may be asked to participate in the Spring SBC assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBS • QPS • ESI • SPK • HFA+ 	
<p>Department/Program Review</p> <p>OEE is excited to support its second cohort through the Department/Program Review process! This cyclical process of self-study and external evaluation relies heavily on the annual program assessment reports. Please know that the work you do on these reports provides departments with critical data to inform the self-study process and promote a successful peer review.</p>	<p>Successful MSCHE Site Visit</p> <p>SBU reaffirmed its accreditation by MSCHE with a 'clean bill of health' and two commendations related to assessment. We could not have achieved this milestone without the dedication of our working groups, Assessment Council, and each for you! For more information, read the Site Visit Team's full report.</p> 	
<p>Has the assessment coordinator for your program changed? Let us know so that important information gets to the right person!</p> <p>Office of Educational Effectiveness EducationalEffectiveness@stonybrook.edu</p>		



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Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to another productive semester together!

Best,

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