Strategies for Effective Assessment for Outcome-Based Education

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Assessment of student performance plays a vital role in all educational institutions from preparing a student for a career upon graduation, to establishing the quality of instruction in the institution, to helping the course instructors of effectively manage the content and delivery of the course, and finally, to helping educational institutions evolve and transform their curricula over time. In this workshop, the focus will be on (a) developing strategies for effective assessment at the course level, and (b) linking the assessment to effectively manage program objectives and outcomes. A top-down and bottom-up approach will be taken to illustrate the role assessment plays in linking program objective and outcomes to the learning process that takes place in a course. Key elements in an effective assessment process - Bloom’s Taxonomy, designing fair and balanced assessment instruments, understanding and designing grading rubrics, providing constructive feedback to the students, defining and staying within the bounds of ethical behavior, and managing limited resources, will be emphasized via case studies.

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