



**Middle Georgia
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Middle Georgia State University Academic Program Assessment

Instructions. This form collects assessment information for all academic programs at Middle Georgia State University. Program directors, chairs, or deans, should submit one form each year (or semester) for each academic program and for each site the academic program is offered (https://www.mga.edu/institutional-research/docs/Programs_by_Location.pdf) (i.e. if a program is offered in Macon and Cochran, separate assessments unique to the students enrolled at each location should be submitted). It is essential that improvements based on the assessment are also clearly identified and that the department keeps evidence of those improvements (i.e. new exams, syllabi, instructional tools) when an improvement is identified and implemented. Major changes to curriculum must go through the Academic Affairs process. Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) should match the Assessment Plan and Curriculum Maps found here:

<https://www.mga.edu/provost/program-histories.php>; if they don't please contact OIRDS to update them.

NOTE: All fields are required, please place NA or O in response field ONLY if SLO is not being utilized, otherwise full responses are required. Provide ALL necessary information requested to the fullest extent possible, such that a peer reviewer is not required to assume any information not provided. Utilize the provided assessment scoring rubric drafting guideline to evaluate your report prior to submission. https://www.mga.edu/institutional-research/docs/IEB_Academic_Program,_Student_Support,_Advising_Scoring_Card.pdf

****Please SUBMIT the form within 30 minutes of opening this page. If you wait too long to submit you may lose your work**** In the event that you need to edit your submission, you may contact the Director of Institutional Effectiveness to secure a custom link to edit and resubmit.

Q1. Submitters Email

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Q2. For which program is this assessment being submitted? An academic program for this purpose is defined as a major within a degree program (i.e. Bachelor of Arts with a major in English, Bachelor of Science with a major in Chemistry, Associates in Occupational Therapy Assistant).

Associate of Health Science

Q3. For which campus is this program assessment being submitted? Note: A separate assessment report is needed for each location a program is offered.

Cochran

Macon

- Eastman
- Dublin
- Warner Robins
- Online

Q4. In which College is this program located?

- Arts and Letters
- Aviation
- Health and Natural Sciences
- Business
- Computing
- Education and Behavioral Sciences

Q5. Program Type

- Graduate
- Undergraduate
- Certificate

Q6. Which semester were the data collected and analyzed? If across multiple semesters, select the latest semester of data.

- Summer 2022
- Fall 2022
- Spring 2023

Q7. Approximately how many students are enrolled in this program at this location?

20

8. SLO 1: What is the first Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will demonstrate a collegiate competency to read critically and communicate ideas in well-developed written formulas and solve problems using scientific principles.

9. SLO 1: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Final grades in courses that are relevant to communication and scientific principles (Biology and Chemistry taken between Fall 2022 and Spring 2023)

10. SLO 1: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on....)

80% or above will earn a grade of C or above

11. SLO 1: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

Past performance and in consultation with the data team and Director – Institutional Effectiveness and Office of Institutional Research and Data Strategy to identify best format for reporting.

12. SLO 1: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

29%

13. SLO 1: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

It should be noted we have adjusted our assessment to reflect the campus the courses are taught on versus the campus the student is designated as attending. This due to the high variability of student choice in campus attendance. In consultation with IR leadership it was determined reporting of campus course success pass rates may be more helpful in determining related campus/instructor success, which is therefore related to student success. Twenty-nine percent of students in this program of study taking courses in Biology and Chemistry on this campus were successful in making a "C" or higher. This has dropped from 60% last year. The threshold was not met. The Department of Natural Sciences along with the Chair of that resides over the A.S. in Health Science will continue to monitor. It should be noted that students in this program of study have not transitioned to other career degree programs, which could be related to success in science courses. We will also communicate with AS Health Science advisors to assure they are aware of science course challenges and can adapt advising toward support services like the Student Success Center. This SLO will be communicated to the Chair of Natural Sciences.

14. SLO 2: What is the second Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will demonstrate knowledge of quantitative analysis to solve quantitative problems using mathematical functions and concepts and coherently express solutions in verbal, numerical, graphical and symbolic forms.

15. SLO 2: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Final grades of the students enrolled in Area A MATH courses

16. SLO 2: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on....)

80% will achieve a final grade of C or above.

17. SLO 2: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

Past performance and in consultation with the data team and Director – Institutional Effectiveness and Office of Institutional Research and Data Strategy to identify best format for reporting.

18. SLO 2: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

56%

19. SLO 2: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

Fifty-six percent of students in this program of study taking Area A Math courses on this campus were successful in making a "C" or higher. This is a drop over last year at 100%. The threshold was not met. The School of Health & Natural Sciences and the Chair of Respiratory Therapy oversees the A.S. in Health Science degree. We will continue to monitor and share outcomes with appropriate department chairs for individual course outcomes. It should be noted that students in this program of study have not transitioned to other career degree programs, which could be related to success in math and science courses. We will also communicate with AS Health Science advisors to assure they are aware of science course challenges and can adapt advising toward support services like the Student Success Center. This SLO will be communicated to the Chair of Computing.

20. SLO 3: What is the third Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will analyze effectively the complexity of human behavior and development.

21. SLO 3: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Final grades of students enrolled in PSYC courses

22. SLO 3: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on.....)

80% will achieve a grade of C or above

23. SLO 3: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

Past performance and in consultation with the data team and Director – Institutional Effectiveness and Office of Institutional Research and Data Strategy to identify best format for reporting. Past Performance

24. SLO 3: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

56%

25. SLO 3: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

Fifty-six percent of students in this program of study taking PSYC courses on this campus were successful in making a "C" or higher, a 44% drop since last year. The threshold was not met. It should be noted the Spring 2023 improved at 80% over the 25% in the Fall 2022. The School of Health & Natural Sciences and the Chair of Respiratory Therapy oversees the A.S. in Health Science degree. We will continue to monitor and share outcomes with appropriate department chairs for individual course outcomes. We will also communicate with AS Health Science advisors to assure they are aware of science course challenges and can adapt advising toward support services like the Student Success Center. This SLO will be communicated to the Chair over PSYC courses.

26. SLO 4: What is the fourth Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will apply basic knowledge and skills as it pertains to health communications, concepts and theories, and cultural sensitivity, and cultural competency in relations to human health related issues.

27. SLO 4: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Final grades of students enrolled in SOCI courses and HS 2000 (online only, so not included here)

28. SLO 4: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on....)

80% will achieve a final grade of C or above.

29. SLO 4: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

Past performance and in consultation with the data team and Director – Institutional Effectiveness and Office of Institutional Research and Data Strategy to identify best format for reporting.

30. SLO 4: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

83%

31. SLO 4: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

The threshold was met as it was last year. Will continue to monitor.

Q41. List each program concentration or track within the larger academic program and clearly articulate the expected learning outcomes. (If distinct note them distinctly, if common restate).

There is only one AS Health Science Track; however, it is reported separately for each campus it is offered on. The learning outcomes across all campuses remain the same, as this is a general core for health science interested students.

Q42. How do you collect and report data on the achievement of these learning outcomes for each program concentration or track?

Data is collected by submitting a data request to the data team to pull the final grades for the courses offered on each separate campus for this identified population of students. We track them each year. It should be noted this is the first year we are tracking via where the course was offered versus where the student is identified as the primary campus since we have a very mobile population of students.

Q43. Report and analyze the learning outcomes associated with each program concentration or track

This program of study is one which is not intended to graduate a student toward entry in a career. It is designed to prepare students toward another health science program, either at MGA or for transfer. While enrollment may be low since we now have a BS level Rehab science program to house those students pursuing a BS degree, this program is valuable for those who wish to complete an AS degree toward application for a future health science program. Department chairs and advisors will be updated on student progress. Overall there was improvement on the Macon campus offered outcomes for AS Health Science students.

32. How many students participated in the assessment of these learning outcomes, in this program, for this assessment cycle at this location? (Provide Number)

20

33. Based on your goals and objectives listed above please indicate their connection with MGA's Strategic Plan (https://www.mga.edu/about/docs/Strategic_Plan_Overall_DB.pdf) by checking all associated and relevant Imperatives / Strategies from the list below. (Check all the apply)

- Grow Enrollment with Purpose 1. Expand and enrich the face to face student experience
- Grow Enrollment with Purpose 2. Expand and enrich online instruction into new markets
- Own Student Success 3. Develop academic pipelines and expand degrees
- Own Student Success 4. Expand student engagement and experiential learning
- Build Shared Culture 5. Attract talent and enhance employee development and recognition
- Build Shared Culture 6. Sustain financial health through resourceful fiscal management
- Build Shared Culture 7. Cultivate engagement with its local communities

34. Please indicate which of the following actions you have taken as a result of the 2021/2022 Assessment Cycle (Note: These actions are documented in reports, memos, emails, meeting minutes, or other directives within the reporting area)(Check all the apply)

- Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate Members of the Campus Community
- Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate External Stakeholders
- Faculty or Staff Support: Professional Development Activities, Trainings, Workshops, Technical Assistance
- Process Changes: Improve, Expand, Refine, Enhance, Discontinue, etc Operational Processes
- Request for Additional Financial or Human Resources
- Customer Service Changes: Communication, Services, etc
- Making Improvements to Teaching Approach, Course Design, Curriculum, Scheduling, other
- Evaluating and/or Revising the Reporting Lines Internal Assessment Processes
- Other

35. Please indicate (if appropriate) any local, state, or national initiatives (academic or otherwise) that are influential in the operations, or goals, and objectives of your unit. (Complete College Georgia, USG High Impact Practice Initiative, LEAP, USG Momentum Year, Low-Cost No-Cost Books, etc)

Students in this program of study are encouraged to utilize the USG Momentum Year approach to scheduling and this degree aligns with Complete College Georgia as a general degree to earn.

36. Please provide a comprehensive narrative outlining how assessment results are utilized for continuous improvement in this field. Your narrative should address the past, present, and future aspects of assessment, with specific emphasis on how these results inform decision-making and drive improvement efforts.

This degree program remains an important feeder program for MGA's health science degrees. In the coming year we hope to expand to a BS in Health Science, allowing students further development beyond this core. Additionally, we developed a Certificate in Health Science to support our Dual Enrollment programs in the region. Student outcomes remain stable at this time for this degree, although low in volume.

37. Optional: The following upload portal is available to supplement your report with supportive documentation should you wish to provide any (instruments, data, etc).

Location Data

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