Assessment Institute | Fall 2016 Evaluation

The 2016 Assessment Institute included 1 graduate assistant and 11 professional staff representing 12 individual units within the division. To better understand the participant experience in the Assessment Institute a survey was administered upon completion of the eight modules with 10 participants responding anonymously. Results will be used to enhance the curriculum and delivery of the Assessment Institute for future participants. The Assessment Institute capstone experience begins in spring 2017 with the completion of designing and implementing an outcome-based assessment aligned with unit department and divisional goals.

Building Assessment Capacity in the Division

Participants are more prepared to conduct outcome-based assessment after completing the Assessment Institute modules. Before participating in the Assessment Institute, 30% stated they were quite a bit or very prepared to plan and implement an assessment project. Upon completion of the Assessment Institute modules, 80% of participants reported being quite a bit or very prepared to conduct assessment in their unit (see Figure 1).

Participants were asked to identify one action they feel comfortable employing in their unit to assist and share with others the knowledge and skills learned from the Assessment Institute. Key responses included creating learning outcomes, selecting and using appropriate methodologies, implementing closing the loop strategies, and leading assessment efforts on behalf of their department.

Assessment Institute Module Feedback

Modules were ranked based on their effectiveness in developing knowledge and the ability to practice outcome-based assessment.

**Most effective**
- Outcome-based assessment
- Communicating and Using Results

**Effective**
- Assessment 101

**Somewhat effective**
- Assessing UA and Divisional Goals
- Board of Regents Meeting

**Very effective**
- Quantitative Methods
- Data Analysis
- Qualitative Methods

![Figure 1: Participant degree of preparedness for assessment before and after completing Assessment Institute modules](chart)