

Curriculum Map

A graphical representation of the alignment of a program’s requirements/learning opportunities and the program’s student learning outcomes.

Guiding Assessment Questions

What do you want students to know, value and or be able to do by the end of the degree program? This should be informed by:

- Discipline-related skills
- Professional values
- Accreditation or external accountability standards where appropriate
- Distinguishing characteristics

Once finalized, Program Level Student Learning Outcomes (PLSLOs) should be mapped across student’s matriculation in the program.

Example of Basic Coverage Map

Courses and Experiences	Program Learning Outcomes			
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Course A	X	X		X
Course B	X	X	X	

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Course C	X	X	X	
Course D	X		X	X

Example of a Defined Curriculum & Assessment Map

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Course A	I	I		I
Course B	R	R	I	
Course C	R	M, A	R	
Course D	M, A		M, A	R

Key: "I"=Competency Introduced; "R"= Competency Reinforced/Practiced/Emphasized; "M"= Mastery; "A"= Competency Assessed (i.e., assessment evidence collected)

