**Penn State Mont Alto**

**Assessment of Student Outcomes**

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**Definition of Student Success**

At Penn State Mont Alto, we consider our students successful if they develop the following attributes:

1. *The ability to use the high-quality, liberal, and professional education received at Penn State Mont Alto in order to function in an increasingly interdependent world.*

2. *The ability to benefit from and use the campus experience in order to act as responsible citizens who lead rich, ethical, and self-examined lives.*

3. *The ability to acquire and use the general and specific skills and competencies offered within curricular and co-curricular programs, including critical thinking; creative problem-solving using quantitative and qualitative analysis; effective oral, written, and visual communication; productive teamwork; effective use of information and technology; an appreciation of diversity; respect for the environment; and a capacity for life-long learning.*

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A subcommittee was established to assess our progress in each of these three main areas.

1. **Student Ability to Function in an Increasingly Interdependent World**
   
   a. Faculty and staff focus groups used to define relevant skills
   b. Meetings with program directors to discuss appropriate measures
   c. Baseline data to be gathered in fall 2010

2. **Students as Responsible Citizens**
   
   a. Several related questions included on the Student Satisfaction Survey
   b. Faculty surveyed to identify existing ethical evaluation components in programs or specific classes

3. **Additional Skills & Competencies**
   
   a. Clearly defined goals and objectives for each of these items
   b. Arranging interviews with key people on campus to learn what is already being done to assess these areas
   c. Will need to identify areas where new assessment measures may be needed

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