

## Penn State Mont Alto

### Assessment of Student Outcomes

#### 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.*

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