Institutional Profile

- Location: Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
- One of 14 public universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
- 8,606 Undergraduates (7,863 FTE)
- 56 Degrees offered

Project Goals

Goal 1: Develop more effective strategies for assessment and data analysis
Goal 2: Develop strategies for evaluation and modification of MyCore goals
Goal 3: Develop strategies for creating positive dialogue across campus around general education and assessment

Challenges

Challenge 1: Support of the MyCore Program is mixed
Challenge 2: Resistance to assessment (there’s too much, it’s not useful, etc.)
Challenge 3: Implementation of assessment plan has not worked as expected

What’s on Our Minds?

Do our current general education goals make sense for our campus?
How do we make assessment more meaningful for our students, faculty, and campus community?
How do we address negative perceptions about general education in productive ways?

How We Can Help

Having significantly revised our general education program in recent years, we can talk about what worked (and what didn’t work) in terms of the process of making changes.

Our model combines a distribution-based and competency-based approach to general education. We can discuss the advantages and challenges of this approach.

We’ve incorporated non-credit bearing co-curricular learning experiences into our general education curriculum.

Our Team

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Our Program

MyCore, established 2012

Students must satisfy 10 General Education Goals by earning general education points (GEPs) through completion of academic courses or co-curricular learning experiences.

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