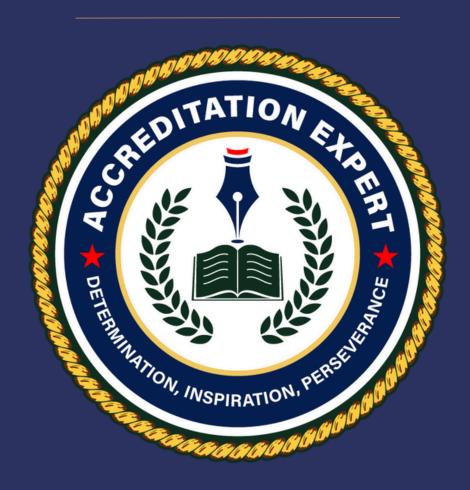
Beyond Grades ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT



A PRACTICAL RESOURCE FOR ACADEMIC LEADERS AND ASSESSMENT TEAMS

WHY TRADITIONAL GRADING ISN'T ENOUGH

Letter grades don't tell the full story.
Accreditors, regulators, and increasingly students demand more than GPA; they want demonstrable learning outcomes, real-world readiness, and institutional accountability. The "Beyond Grades" approach challenges colleges and universities to link classroom assessment with institutional effectiveness. This toolkit will help your team design and document assessment systems that align with state authorization, accreditation consulting for colleges, and student-centered success.

AEC'S ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK



Curriculum Design Faculty Facilities Instructional
Strategies
Support Services

Program and Course-Level Benchmarks



Use-of-results
Planning
Budgeting

Assessment Tools
Student Artifacts
Data Trends

PROGRAM-LEVEL LEARNING OUTCOMES WORKSHEET

Use this worksheet to map course-level outcomes to program goals and metrics.

Program Name	Academic Year	Prepared By	Course/ Module	Learning Outcome	Assessment Tool Benchmark	Responsible Party

STUDENT LEARNING EVIDENCE RUBRIC

Purpose: Evaluate the quality and alignment of assessment evidence collected.

Criteria	Exemplary (3)	Satisfactory (2)	Needs Improvement (1)
Alignment to Outcome	Clear & direct	Somewhat aligned	Unclear or unrelated
Evidence Type	Direct & authentic	Indirect or mixed	Self-reported only
Depth of Analysis	Thoroughly scored and reviewed	Limited analysis	No scoring or reviewing
Documentation	Well-organized, labeled, archived	Partially organized	Missing or inconsistent

Institutional Effectiveness Checklist

Instructions: Check all that apply to your institution. Used for self-audits or site visit prep.

Use-Of-Results Planning Template

Purpose: Guide your team in documenting how assessment results will lead to improvements.

Area Assessed	Key Findings	Planned Action	Timeline	Owner

FINAL NOTES

Great institutions don't just assess; they act.
This toolkit is your first step toward building a culture where learning outcomes are not only measured, but meaningfully applied. Use these template to drive dialogue, enhance reporting, and demonstrate compliance with both accreditors and stakeholders

Need help implementing or reviewing your assessment system?

Schedule a free consultation with our team or visit our page on assessment-focused accreditation services.