

Academic Program Review 2022-2023

Questions for External Reviewers

As external reviewers, we expect that your expertise and knowledge of the discipline will frame your final thoughts. Using the questions below, please prepare a final report to summarize your feedback, based on the documents provided and takeaways from the site visit. If multiple programs were reviewed, please identify where feedback is relevant to a specific program. Your final report will be shared with program and college leadership, who will then be asked to develop a response and action plan toward quality improvement. The Higher Learning Commission's Criteria for Accreditation are referenced to specific questions when applicable.

Program Framework

1. Are student learning outcomes appropriate and relevant for the discipline, and for the level of student in this area of study? Please refer to program assessment plans provided in the appendix. (HLC 3.A.1 and 3.A.2)
2. Assess the overall program in terms of curriculum, content, course sequencing, relevance/appropriateness of offerings, community engagement, research. Please identify strengths as well as areas for improvement. (HLC 3.B.)
3. Are the modes of delivery and instructional modalities (e.g., lab, online, face-to-face) appropriate? Please explain. (HLC 3.A.3)

Faculty and Staff

4. Are opportunities appropriate for faculty professional development? If not, please explain. (HLC 3.C.5)
5. Are there any specific concerns related to faculty qualifications? If so, please explain. (HLC 3.C.3)
6. Is faculty scholarly work appropriate for the discipline? Please explain. (HLC 3.B.4)
7. Comment on the advising process, and note any strengths or concerns. (HLC 3.D.3)

Students

8. Does evidence of student scholarship and creative work provided by the program seem adequate and appropriate? If not, please explain. (HLC 3.B.4)
9. What are the major strengths and/or the areas of concern related to students in the program(s)?

Performance Measures

10. Comment on program trends in retention, persistence, completion and efforts being made to maintain or improve in these areas. (HLC 4.C.)
11. Utilizing the provided program assessment plans, please comment on the appropriateness and alignment of the metrics identified to measure the program's student learning outcomes. (HLC 4.B.)
12. Utilizing the provide program assessment report, please comment on the significance/impact of changes made in response to data. (HLC 4.B.)
13. Are the outcomes for graduates of this program appropriate for the discipline? Please explain. (HLC 4.A.6)

Ethical and Professional Practice

14. Are opportunities to promote integrity and ethical behavior appropriate for faculty and students in the program(s)? Please explain. (HLC 2.E.)

Current Resources

15. Are program resources used effectively and appropriately? If not, please explain. (HLC 3.D.4)

16. Based on enrollment trends, are there adequate resources allocated to this program? If not, do you have suggestions regarding curricular efficiency, reallocation of existing resources or other strategies to meet the needs of this program without the allocation of new resources?

Conclusion

17. Please provide any additional comments, strengths, or areas of concern that were not specifically addressed above.