

Drafting the Desired Learning Assessment Plan

Objectives are the cornerstone of instructional planning. Whether students read them or not, you will use them as an essential guide for planning your course – everything from **assessments** and learning activities to content and technologies!

Ensure that your major assessments align with your desired learning outcomes. When planning how to assess your students' growth, think about what you can ask them to do that will make their growth visible to you online. Consider ways to connect these major assessments to real world contexts and/or audiences.

Examine the chart below to see how this instructor could plan assessments that allow students to demonstrate the desired learning in tangible, meaningful ways. Notice how connections to real world contexts and practices are incorporated.

OBJECTIVES clearly state what students should be able to do by the end of the course.	ASSESSMENTS allow the instructor to see and measure student learning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Articulate an appreciation for the rich diversity in children's socialized literacy practices.*Synthesize the key aspects underlying the complexity of literacy into a comprehensive whole.*Design a comprehensive pedagogy for developing literacy in young children.*Leverage pedagogical practices to successfully facilitate literacy development in young children.*Develop a plan for reflective practice and on-going professional growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Write a persuasive position statement on the value of children's family literacy practices.*Create an infographic depicting the complexity of literacy and the interrelated factors within the field.*Draft a comprehensive teaching philosophy and sample pedagogical plan for developing literacy at a specific grade level.*Complete specific records and reflections on your course related tutoring experiences in a local classroom.*Write an action plan for your on-going professional development and growth, and explain how this plan will help you be successful in your professional life.