Ability Assessment at VCSU

Assessment of the Abilities occurs in four different areas at VCSU, and the evidence gathered from these areas is used primarily to improve the quality of student learning in that particular area. These include:

1. Classroom Assessment of Student Learning
2. General Education
3. Program Planning and Review
4. University-wide Ability Assessment

Each of these areas, and the ways the Abilities are used for assessment purposes in each, are described in the sections which follow.

The information provided to each area, from classroom to program review, from General Education assessment to Curriculum and University-wide Assessment informs the reflection and planning in each area, and leads to the implementation of new teaching strategies, course revision, program improvement, and curricular revision. See Figure 1.

This process acknowledges and strengthens the integral relationships between General Education and major programs and documents the overall effectiveness of student learning at VCSU.

Figure 1: Academic Assessment