

Frequently Asked Questions

Assessment Essentials (replaces Level I)

Q. What level of prior knowledge/experience should participants have?

A. This retreat is best suited to institutions or programs in the early stages of implementing assessment.

Q. How many people does it take to make a "team"? Are two enough?

A. Yes, two or more people qualify as a "team." We encourage you to send key stakeholders with interest in your team project, including faculty but also, for example, an administrator, a student affairs person, or a student.

Q. Can an individual come NOT as part of a team?

A. Yes, but we strongly encourage teams. Team members can fan out, gather information from multiple sources, and cover several concurrent sessions at once. The pedagogy, too, is designed for team collaboration. A single person simply can't get as much benefit from the retreat, and you won't have a critical mass of people to implement the project back on campus.

Q. Is a person coming singly still expected to submit a project description?

A. Yes. The person can represent a group back on campus that hopes to advance a particular project, and applying what you've heard in sessions or consultations is a great way to learn.

Q. What if a team or individual doesn't have a "project" and just wants to come to learn?

A. That's OK but not ideal. It's not what the workshop is designed for, so those teams and individuals are likely to be disappointed. Teams are also expected to present their progress on their project at the end of the retreat.

Q. How does the team submit their project?

A. See the project description. After registering for the workshop, individuals will receive an email confirmation containing a link to the team project and information form. The team should work on these forms together, but only one form per team should be submitted.

Q. Does the project have to be about formal academics? Can it be about out-of-classroom learning and come from Student Affairs?

A. Yes, absolutely. Integration of in-class and out-of-class learning is good, too.

Q. What is the schedule for each day of the seminar?

A. The schedule is as follows: Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; Friday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Q. What meals are included in the registration fees?

A. The following meals will be provided: Lunch on Thursday; breakfast and lunch on Friday. Beverages and snacks will be available during breaks. Attendees will be on their own for all other meals.

Q. Is there any funding to support graduate students or institutions on tight budgets?

A. No, unfortunately, not at this time. Suggestions for grant funding are most welcome!

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