# Enhancing Assessment Capabilities for Continuous Improvement

#### **Best Practices in Assessment Group**

Presenters: Karen D Matthews, DM, MPA Gregory Spengler, MPA

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Strategic Planning & Assessment

## Meeting Agenda

- Part I
  - Updates and Information Sharing
  - APAIR Status of Changes Since Last Meeting
- Part II
  - Understanding our Roles and Sharing Assessment Practices
  - Assessments & Needs Identification
  - Wrap-Up & Next Steps

# Part I – Update and New Information

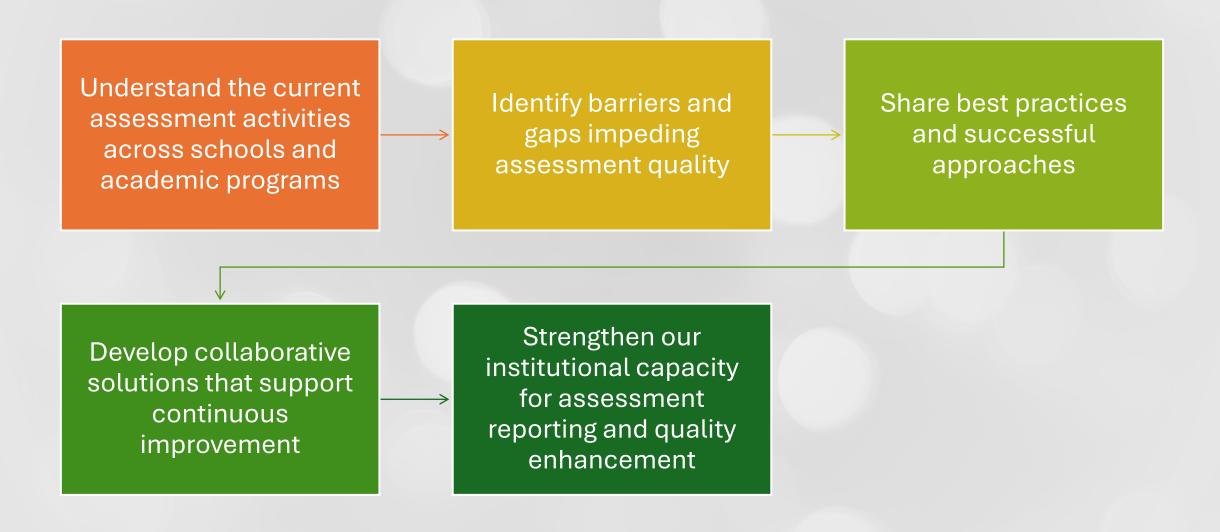
- Information Sharing?
  - Middle States status
  - Specialized Accreditation Visits nearing?
  - Other

# Part I – Update and New Information

- APAIR Changes Update: ILOs
  - Removed Requirement to Upload All Syllabi;
  - Addressed concern regarding uploading student identifying information
    - Only upload aggregated or summative data, when available;
  - Addressed concern regarding uploading outcomes data
    - APAIR will allow ILO outcomes data to support previous year's evidence.

# Part II – Enhancing Assessment Capabilities in Academic Programming

#### Purpose & Goals



#### Laying the Foundation: Understanding Our Roles

To frame our discussion, it's helpful to understand the different roles BPAG members hold within their schools/programs.

- Please consider:
  - Describe your role and main responsibilities.
  - How do these responsibilities relate to assessment practices in your school/unit?
- Sharing this context will help anchor our discussion and promote more relevant exchanges.

#### **Assessment Practices in Your Context**

• What types of assessment activities are being conducted with your unit(s)? How do external standards or accreditation influence your assessment choices?

#### • Consider:

- Formal exams, clinical evaluations, portfolios, projects, presentations, workplace assessments
- Supporting tools, resources, or support mechanisms used
- Challenges or barriers faced in developing or implementing assessments

### Sharing Best Practices & Challenges

- What assessment practices or tools have you found especially effective?
- Are there innovative approaches worth spreading?
- What challenges or gaps are common across unit(s)?
- How has your unit addressed these challenges?

#### Opportunities for Collaboration & Improvement

- What are the key questions or issues we should explore next?
  - What specific issues are most pressing that you'd like to understand better?
  - Are there particular tools, policies, or approaches we should explore or develop?
  - What questions have arisen that we should address as a group?

### Next Steps & Call for Leadership

Thank you for your active participation today!

Your insights are vital to strengthening our institutional assessment efforts.

We invite someone or a member from your unit to help lead an assessment discussion.

Share your expertise, explore new topics, and facilitate peer learning.

#### **Support from me:**

I'll be here to assist with planning, materials, and facilitation as needed—just reach out!

#### **Interested?**

Please contact me after this session.

Your leadership can make a real difference in advancing our collective mission.

Thank you again—We look forward to working together!

Next Meeting? Summer break – No Meeting in July or August 2025

Enjoy the Your Summer

See you September 2, 2025!