

Natural Sciences Degrees

#1	AS Pre-Pharmacy Degree Student Learning Outcome
	Be able to apply the scientific method to solve problems associated with pharmacy.
	Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome
	Assessment Measure for this Outcome Performance on departmental final exam questions in general and organic chemistry
	Achievement Target for this Measure
	70% performance in selected questions
	Findings
	52 % on nomenclature, 67 % retro synthesis 67 % identification of functional groups (only three 3 students to report data on)
	Related Action Plans
	Create a test blue print for the final exam.
	Get intervention for students and get them into Tutoring and study groups a lot faster. Also important to note that these numbers only represent three (3) Pre-pharmacy students one of these student's failed the cumulative final with only 49 % of the questions answered correctly. A check of the student's records show that he received a D in the first semester of the course and failed the second semester of general chemistry. A grade C or better in prerequisite courses in a student's major along with required advising for students that are getting poor grades D or worse in there major area of study could help improve student success.
#2	AS Pre-Pharmacy Degree Student Learning Outcome
	Be able to maintain records and communicate scientific principles clearly and concisely



	Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome
	Assessment Measure for this Outcome
	Evaluation of laboratory notebooks using standardized rubric and performance on formal lab reports the end of each semester.
	Achievement Target for this Measure
	70 % performance
	Findings
	94 % on final notebook grade, 91 % on Formal report (only one student to report data on)
	Related Action Plans Review the rubric to determine if it needs editing
3	AS Pre-Pharmacy Degree Student Learning Outcome
	Be able to use modern laboratory techniques and instrumentation to gather data on scientific problem. Then be able to use this data to draw conclusions and formulate scientific hypotheses.
	Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome
	Assessment Measure for this Outcome
	Performance on various laboratory reports and departmental lab final.
	Achievement Target for this Measure
	Findings Lab Reports Average 71 %, Lab Final 67 % (only one student to report data on)



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Related Action Plans

Create a test blue print for the lab final and a scoring rubric for the lab reports.

Extra work in reviewing before lab final and a stronger emphasis on students turning in work on time.