
Making Courses More Coherent, Connected and Consequential

Handout for the Morning Workshop in the University of Toledo's

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Schnabel (2013) & Steele (2010)

On the lines below, jot down 2 or 3 of your core educational/professional values that motivate you to invest your time and energy in activities like this workshop and University Assessment Day.

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Morisano, D., et al. (2010)

What specifically do you hope to learn/gain through participating in this morning's workshop?

1. What is the overall purpose – or what are the overall aims – of this course?
2. Where does this course fit into the program/degree curriculum?
3. For whom is this course designed?
4. What specifically, should students demonstrate they know and can do by course's end?
5. What standards will be used to evaluate and grade students' learning?
6. How will their learning be assessed against those standards?

(Revised) [3 & 4] Anderson & Krathwohl (2001)

(6) CREATE

Generate, Plan, Synthesize, Produce the New

(5) EVALUATE

Critique or Judge based on Explicit Standards/Criteria

(4) ANALYSE

Break Down, Relate Parts and Whole, Organize

(3) APPLY

Follow Procedures to Solve Problems or Carry Out Tasks

(2) UNDERSTAND

Connect New Learning to Prior Knowledge by Interpreting, Classifying, Comparing, Summarizing, etc.

(1) REMEMBER

Elaborate, Encode, and Retrieve Information from Long-term Memory

[1, 3 & 4] Cook, E., et al. (2013)

Directions: Using the numbers 1-6 to represent the levels of Bloom's revised taxonomy (above), please identify the level of each question below.

- ___A. Give an example of "seasonal change"
- ___B. Why do the Earth's seasons change?
- ___C. What causes the Earth's seasons to change? (Explain how it works.)
- ___D. When it is winter in Toledo, OH, USA what season is it in Townsville, QLD, Australia?
- ___E. Where on Earth would you predict the greatest seasonal variation occurs? Why?
- ___F. What contribution, if any, will global warming likely make to seasonal change? Explain your reasoning.
- ___G. What would likely happen to seasonal change in Toledo, OH if the Earth's degree of tilt on its axis changed to:
 - i. 45 degrees?
 - ii. 90 degrees?
 - iii. 180 degrees?
 - iv. 0 degrees?
- ___H. If the Earth's orbit moved it significantly further away from the Sun, what hQ q0.,5

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[3 & 4] Bondy, K.N. (1983)

(6) EXPERT INSTRUCTOR *

Examples to consider, critique, and perhaps improve from

1. **On completion of this course, you should be able to:**
 - A. Demonstrate enhanced knowledge of the basic tenets of phrenology and its history
 - B. Demonstrate understanding of what was current best practice of phrenology, as it was practiced in England of the 1840s
 - C. Appreciate the relationship of phrenology to neuroscience

2. **When you have completed this course, you should be able to:**
 - A. .List the six basic tenets of Gall's phrenological system
 - B. .Identify, locate, and explain the functions of at least 30 of the "organs" of the brain
 - C. .Explain the significance of organ size and shape
 - D. .Identify and summarize the key contributions of at least six major figures in the history of phrenology

3. **To successfully complete this course, you must demonstrate you can:**
 - A. Correctly locate and label all 35 organs on a map of the skull
 - B. Phrenologize three subjects in one hour, summarize your analyses of all three in writing in the second hour, and achieve at least 85% agreement with expert analyses
 - C. Prepare a character analysis and related career and marriage advice for a fourth subject, ach

Draft Learning Outcome (Write this only after you've answered the questions below):

Who?

Does/Will Do What?

To/For Whom?

By When?

Where?

How?

How Well?

Why?

First-draft Intended Learning Outcome (ILO)

Teachers in this course will design effective lessons.

Second-draft ILO

Who?	Each teacher in this course
Will do what?	Will design a lesson to pre-assess, give feedback on, teach and post-assess students' understanding of an important and potentially problematic concept
For whom?	The elementary or secondary students in their placement classrooms
When?	Between semester weeks four and six
Where?	In her or his placement classroom
How?	Through an annotated lesson design, related assessments and assignments
How well? (to what standard?)	At the 'meets expectations' level or above on the assignment grading rubric as assessed by the course instructor—and by an expert school teacher
Why?	In order to demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in effective, research-based lesson design

Third-draft ILO

Between semester weeks four and six, each teacher in this course will present an annotated lesson designed to pre-assess, give feedback, teach, and post-assess their placement students' understanding of an important and problematic concept, in order to demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in effective, research-based lesson design.

Standard: The quality of the annotated lesson and related materials must be assessed at the 'meets expectations' level or above, overall, on the assignment grading rubric by both the course instructor and by the external assessor (an expert school teacher and student-teacher mentor).

Fourth-draft ILO

Designing an effective, annotated, research-based lesson
[With reference to relevant assessment plan and standards]

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Angelo, T.A. & Cross, K.P. (1993)

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– Please circle the rating for each item which best represents your experience and evaluation of this workshop.

1. Overall, the value of what I learned in this workshop is

5	4	3	2	1
Very High	High	Adequate	Low	Very Low

2. Overall, the quality of this workshop is

5	4	3	2	1
Very High	High	Adequate	Low	Very Low

3. Overall, I rate this workshop leader's effectiveness as

5	4	3	2	1
Very High	High	Adequate	Low	Very Low

4. Which two or three specific aspects of this workshop were most useful/helpful/interesting?

5. Which specific aspects could have been improved?

6. What possible follow-up, if any, from the University of Toledo might be helpful?