

The New England Educational Assessment Network was established in 1995 by higher education professionals interested in creating a regional network to support the exchange of ideas related to assessment.

The mission of NEEAN is to promote quality assessment of student learning and development and thus to enhance the effectiveness of institutions of higher education.

NEEAN works toward this mission by:

- Offering its membership opportunities to learn about best practices and emerging trends in assessment through conferences, workshops, institutes, publications and other means;
- Reaching out to professionals in higher education as well as to a wide range of associations and policy-making bodies with an interest in higher education;
- Promoting the scholarship of assessment through networking, the open exchange of ideas, and grant-funded projects;
- Communicating with the wider public about the complexities of higher education and its value to a democratic society; and
- Striving to become New England's resource of choice for consulting, referrals, and other assessment related services.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to postsecondary educators engaged in assessment. NEEAN welcomes faculty, staff, and administrators interested in improving student learning and institutional performance.

Membership is not required to attend the Summer Institute. However, if you would like to join, the annual membership fee is \$30. This includes participation in NEEAN policy making and elections and access to the Assessment Referral Service, E-bulletin and other password-protected features of the NEEAN website.

If you are interested in becoming a member of NEEAN or would like more information about the Summer Institute, please contact:

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New Hampshire

*Supporting college and university
self-study leaders as they strengthen
their assessment efforts*

SUMMER INSTITUTE

Offering intensive professional development, the NEEAN Summer Institute supports college and university self-study Teams as they strengthen their assessment efforts and link their campus assessment processes with NEASC accreditation standards.

This hands-on Institute provides options for designing and/or enhancing campus assessment processes and the resources required to sustain them.

Through facilitated dialogue, self-study leaders will:

- 1) explore options for institutionalizing assessment to improve student learning;
- 2) become acquainted with the new NEASC standards related to student learning outcomes and institutional effectiveness;
- 3) consider ways to prepare for site visits and interim reports;
- 4) examine resources that sustain campus assessment efforts.



OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the NEEAN Summer Institute, self-study leaders will be able to:

- ✓ identify tools and characteristics of an effective assessment process;
- ✓ address common problems and coordinate different levels of assessment (course, program, institution, etc.);
- ✓ design or revise assessment processes, particularly issues related to improving effectiveness and efficiency in the reporting process;
- ✓ project resources (fiscal, human, facilities) required to sustain ongoing campus assessment and plan for results of assessment findings.

NEEAN's mission is "to promote quality assessment of student learning and development and thus to enhance the effectiveness of institutions of higher education." The Summer Institute represents an extension of that goal. NEEAN does not speak for NEASC in any official capacity. NEEAN offers institutional experience in developing self-studies as they relate to assessment reporting. We can provide examples of best practice in developing assessment processes and in reporting assessment findings. To that end we invite you to join us!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ✓ The Institute is designed to work with campus teams, made up of faculty and administrators who will produce the self-study and those who will be asked to respond to the NEASC visiting team or CIHE recommendations;
- ✓ We recommend you send a team made up of both faculty members and administrators. The Team Work is most productive when various perspectives are included in assessment exercises and program development;
- ✓ Administrators who wish experience in best practices for administering campus-level assessment programs.

LOCATION, COST, and REGISTRATION

All sessions will be held on the scenic campus of Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire.

\$400 per person registration fee includes all meals, assessment resources, and one night's lodging at the Keene Best Western Hotel.

To register, complete the Summer Institute form at www.neean.org. Please sign up early. Participation will be limited.