What is it?

Assessment supports the success of University of Arizona's strategic plan and priorities through data-driven continuous improvement. To build assessment capacity, the Assessment Institute was created as a signature professional development program led by the Office of Assessment, Research, and Grant Development. The year-long program seeks to provide UA staff with an opportunity to develop knowledge and hone their skills in conducting assessments within their unit and department. Questions about the Assessment Institute can be directed to Lucas Schalewski, schalewski@email.arizona.edu, Associate Director of Assessment, Research, & Grant Development. Learn more about the Assessment Institute learning goals, instructors, and capstone project online: Assessment Institute Overview.

Who should attend?

New and mid-level professionals are invited to apply. Program content is aimed at those with emerging assessment knowledge and have an assessment need in mind for their unit/department. University of Arizona staff who work remotely or at a distance campus are also invited to apply. Zoom access with teleconference setup will be available for seamless interaction.

What is the commitment to participate?

There are two main components to the program: 1) Eight core modules with an hour per week of expected work time and 2) an Assessment Capstone Project. The core learning modules are required and occur during the fall semester on Thursdays from 8:30 – 10:30AM.

Module 1: Purpose & Overview of Assessment (9/26)
Module 2: Assessment Fundamentals (10/3)
Module 3: Outcome-based Assessment (10/10)
Module 4: Data Collection Techniques (10/17)
Module 5: Primer on Data Analysis (10/24)

Module 6: Culturally Responsive, Decolonized, & Socially Just Assessment (10/31)
Module 7: Synthesizing and Using Results (11/7)
Module 8: Assessment at UA & Leading Assessments in your Department (11/14)

Participants will also plan and implement an assessment capstone project through the 2019-2020 year. Capstone projects are assessments mutually identified between participants and their supervisors and derive from an assessment need within the participant's department. Assessment Coaches will be available to provide tailored feedback and support through the planning and implementation of the assessment project.

How do I apply?

1. Review this cover letter and expectations for participation with your supervisor. Create a digital file of a signed copy.
2. Complete the online application and upload the signed digital filed no later than September 2, 2019 to be considered: Assessment Institute Application 2019 - 2020

Supervisor Approval

By signing below I commit to supporting the applicant's participation in the Assessment Institute should they be accepted. This includes respecting their time commitment to fully participate in the program and work with the participant to identify a unit/department assessment need to develop their capstone project.

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APPLICANT NAME (PRINT)   SUPERVISOR NAME (PRINT)

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SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE   DATE