Provide an example of the program’s most interesting or important assessment finding that demonstrates the program’s success associated with a program learning outcome.

For all three learning outcomes of our program in Biological Sciences, greater than 80% of the students either met or exceeded expectations. The most students fell in these two categories (88.3%) when assessed for technical writing skills.

Describe an assessment result that indicates an opportunity for improvement and identify the specific actions the program will take to improve student learning.

The lowest performance in our students was seen in their ability to draw appropriate conclusions from biological data. We will continue to emphasize data interpretation across all courses in the department. This is already strongly emphasized in the experimental courses. Presentation of experimental data leading to biological concepts will be incorporated into lectures courses rather than just providing students with the conclusions drawn from the original data to enhance their ability to make connections between the raw data and the final conclusions.