



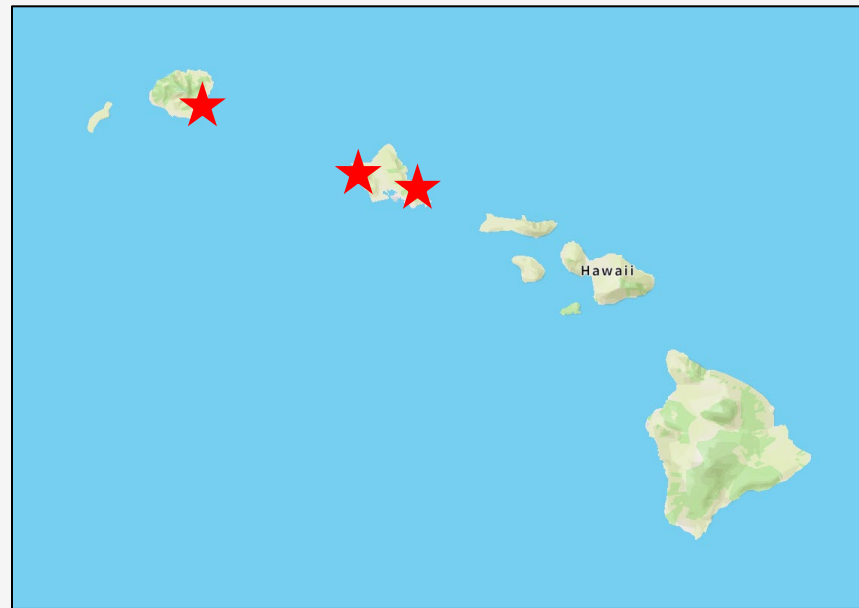
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# *Background*

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How do you know if students are learning what you are teaching?

How do you know if you're actually measuring what you think you are?"



# *Education*



**B.A. in  
Interdisciplinary  
Studies: English  
as a Second  
Language**



**M.A. in Second  
Language  
Studies**

Specialization in  
Language  
Assessment,  
Measurement, and  
Program Evaluation



**PhD in  
Educational  
Psychology**

Specialization in  
Measurement,  
Statistics, and  
Evaluation

# *Experience and Research Endeavors*

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Psychometrics and  
Educational  
Measurement



Program  
Evaluation



Accreditation  
Preparation,  
Implementation,  
and Research

42

**Presentations**

- 35 refereed

8

**Publications**

- 4 refereed

# *Institutional Effectiveness at UHWO*

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Strategic  
Directions



Assessment



Accreditation

# *Strategic Directions*

## UH West O'ahu 2018-2028 Strategic Plan

<https://westoahu.hawaii.edu/strategicplan/>

### Institutional Values Pahuhopu

#### ❖ Waiwai

We value abundance/wealth that develops a culture of philanthropy and sustainable use of resources through the cultivation of quality relationships, creativity, exploration, and transdisciplinary learning.

#### ❖ Mālama 'Āina

We value environmental responsibility that links our love and care of land, water, and people.

#### ❖ Po'okela

We value excellence in education to meet the high aspirations of student, faculty, and staff, and the needs of our community.

#### ❖ Kaiāulu

We value viable, healthy communities where everyone feels included, welcomed, and respected.

#### ❖ Hana Lawelawe

We value conscious service to community that builds the capacity to offer one's excellence for the benefit of others and our environment.



# *Strategic Directions*

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## Our Impact Strategies

1. Increasing Student Success & Engagement
2. Advancing Dynamic and Integrated Learning Experiences
3. Strengthening our Assets and Infrastructure

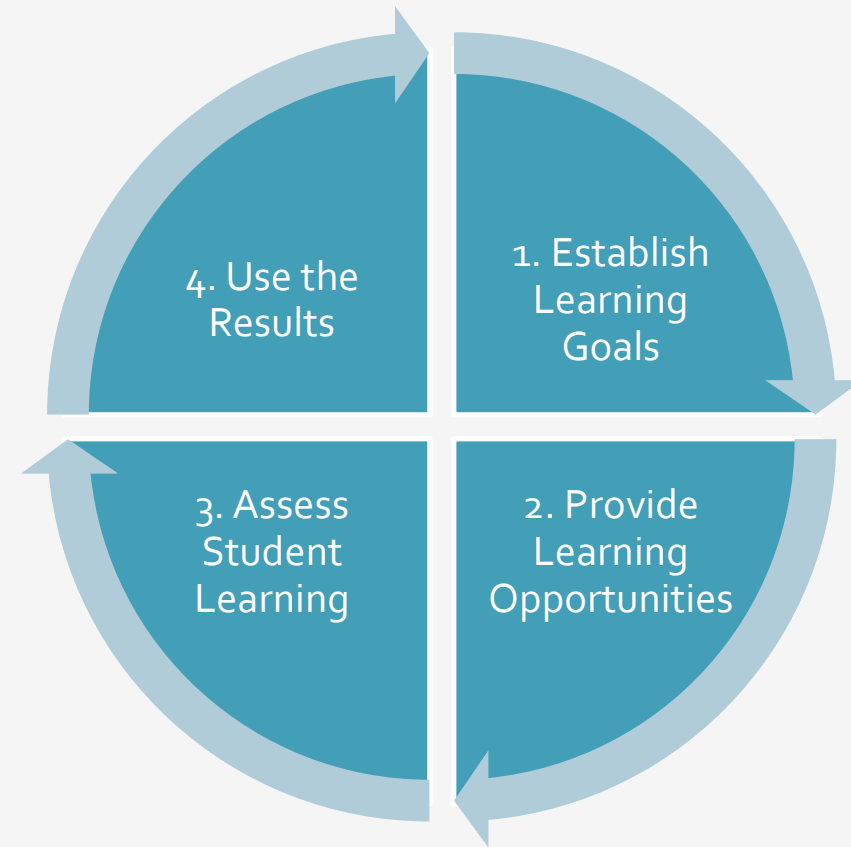
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# *Assessment*

In academics:

**Assessment is simply deciding what we want students to learn and making sure they learn it**



Continuous Four-Step Cycle of Teaching, Learning, & Assessment

Suskie (2018)



# *Assessment*

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The **best assessments** are those whose **results** are ***used*** to inform **meaningful, important decisions**.

- Evidence of learning *or* progress towards goals
- Defines the metrics used to measure achievement
- Demonstrates the degree to which an entity meets goals and objectives

# *Accreditation*

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## **What is accreditation?**

A review of the quality of education provided by higher education institutions

## **Who accredits UH West Oahu?**

WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

## **Programs with Specialty Accreditation:**

- Business Administration (ACBSP Accreditation)
- Education (CAEP Accreditation)

<https://westoahu.hawaii.edu/about/accreditation/>

# Accreditation

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## Dr. Miranda - Accreditation Liaison Officer

- We must seek approval from WASC before offering new programs or making substantive program changes

## Culture of Evidence

- Collection of data (i.e. evidence of our work, progress, and outcomes)
- Regular analysis of data
- *Use of data/findings to inform our decisions*

# *Institutional Effectiveness*

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*Thank You!*

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