Assessment and Feedback

The UNSW Assessment Policy provides detailed guidance on assessment approaches and strategies at UNSW.

In the Assessment Toolkit you will find ideas, guidelines and practical strategies on all aspects of the assessment process. The Digital Assessment toolkit provides a directory of examples.

- Designing Assessment
  Topics in the Designing Assessment section deal with the broader aspects of assessment design, reflecting the principles of assessment as learning.

- Assessment Methods
  In the section on Assessment Methods, there are topics dealing with tasks and activities for diverse purposes, diverse student groups, and diverse contexts of learning.

- Grading and Giving Feedback
  Topics in the section on Grading and Giving Feedback include practical advice and strategies on interpreting and marking students' assessment performance, and engaging them in the critical feedback process.

- Reviewing Assessment Quality
  The section on Reviewing Assessment Quality provides a broader perspective on the cycle of assessment quality from design, through implementation, to reviewing of grades and learning outcomes, all informing improvements to design.

- Assessment research and practice at UNSW
  Current practices and scholarly research in assessment within the Faculties are highlighted in the Spotlight on Assessment at UNSW section.

For a complete list of topics in the Toolkit, see the Assessment Toolkit Index of All Topics.

A good place to find out which resources can help your assessment practice is the Assessment Toolkit at a Glance page.

Seminars for UNSW staff

The Connections Seminar series and the annual Learning and Teaching Forum provide platforms for UNSW staff to explore different aspects of learning and teaching, share ideas and get feedback on practice and research.

These recordings and presentations related to assessment can be found on the respective Moodle course sites (self-enrolment key provided)
• Connections Seminar on 19 July 2019 "Threshold vs mastery": a new way to teach and assess 1st year chemistry presented by Dr Luke Hunter, Scientia Education Academy Fellow, School of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, UNSW (self-enrolment key: unswconnections)

• Connections Seminar on 14 May 2019 Digital Assessment: Experience and Possibilities for UNSW presented by Dr Mathew Hillier, Academic Lead Digital Assessment, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), UNSW (self-enrolment key: unswconnections)

• Connections Seminar on 13 November 2018: 10 years of digital assessments - insights and outlook presented by Mr Thomas Korner, ETH Zurich (self-enrolment key: unswconnections)

• 2018 Learning and Teaching Forum on 26 October 2018: Can essays be less onerous to write? (or to mark?) presented by Dr Patricia Arthur, School of Optometry and Vision Science, Faculty of Science (self-enrolment key: Intforum)

• 2018 Learning and Teaching Forum on 26 October 2018: Unlocking student feedback data to improve the student experience presented by Dr Christine Mathies, Deputy Dean (Education) Portfolio, UNSW Business School (self-enrolment key: Intforum)

• 2018 Learning and Teaching Forum on 26 October 2018: Exploring E-exams at UNSW: Courage, Fear and Triumph presented by Professor Chris Tisdell, School of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science (self-enrolment key: Intforum)

• Connections Seminar on 27 August 2018: Assessment provides credible information on student achievement presented by Professor Philip Jones, Assessment Lead, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), UNSW. (self-enrolment key: unswconnections)

Community of Practice

The Education Focused 'EF Central' initiative provides a number of professional development opportunities for education focused academics and others!

• The Digital Assessment community of practice has produced significant output in the form of the Digital Assessment Toolkit that contains numerous examples of use at UNSW. For further information on the Digital Assessment CoP please contact the Digital Assessment CoP leader: Louise Lutze-Mann

• A community driven forum for online teaching resources has developed examples including Moodle course landing pages, quizzes, virtual reality, adaptive tutorials, student forums and online role play. To visit the Moodle site for the forum and select the 'student' access option (registration key: CoPOR). For further information please contact A/Prof Socrates Dokos directly, via s.dokos@unsw.edu.au or +61-2-9385-9406.

The EF team can be contacted via: ef@unsw.edu.au

Digital Assessment pilot project

The office of PVC-Education is conducting Digital Assessment pilots with different technologies and processes with the aim of scaling use UNSW wide. The currently active pilots change over time so be sure to check back again in the future.
You may get involved in pilots by completing the **Expression of Interest form**.

For further information on the Digital Assessment project please contact the Academic Lead: Digital Assessment (PVC-E office) Dr Mathew Hillier [m.hillier@unsw.edu.au](mailto:m.hillier@unsw.edu.au)