

# The Academy

The Academy for Assessment of Student Learning offers HLC member institutions a four year sequence of events and interactions that focus on accelerating and advancing efforts to assess and improve student learning.

## Connections to Accreditation

Participation in the Academy:

- may serve in place of mandated progress reports, monitoring reports, and focused visits on assessment of student learning (PEAQ)
- may serve in place of one or more action projects (AQIP)
- is intended to produce evidence for Criteria and Core Components for accreditation evaluation

The Higher Learning Commission offers a range of workshops, training programs, and other events. Future workshops include:

**Making a Difference in Student Learning: Assessment as a Core Strategy Workshop**

*(Some of these future workshops will target Co-curricular Learning & General Education)*

**Strategies for Building an Engaged Campus**

*(The focus of this workshop is on developing and sustaining a commitment to assessing and improving student learning)*

**Vital Focus Design Workshops**

Vital Focus — PEAQ Self-Study

Vital Focus — Entering AQIP

Vital Focus — Assessing Student Learning

**Academy for Assessment of Student Learning**

**AQIP and PEAQ Peer Reviewer Training**

Visit our Web site for more Information on these programs – <http://www.ncahlc.org>

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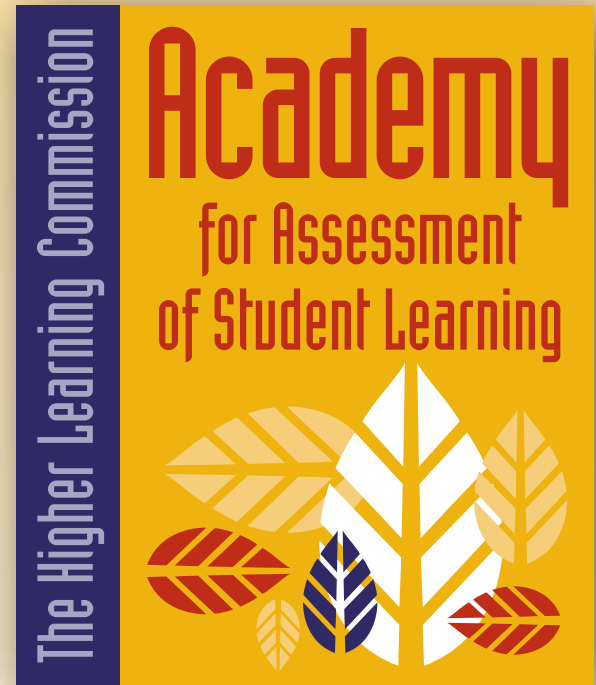


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**The Academy**  
is a series of events and  
interactions targeted at  
Understanding, Confirming, and  
Improving Student Learning

**What do you  
want to discover about  
student learning?**

# Academy Features

## Academy Roundtable

Multi-day event to propose and construct **Action Portfolios** and **Student Learning Projects** in consultation with **Academy Mentors** and HLC Staff. The experience strategically integrates sharing good practices and providing and receiving feedback with other institutions.

- **Action Portfolio** – The complete plan, implementation process, and intended results and outcomes of the Academy
- **Student Learning Projects** – The multi-faceted projects focused on assessing and documenting student learning

## Academy Network

An electronic gathering place for feedback, shared learning, and dialogue on **Student Learning Projects** from **Academy Mentors** and other Academy Institutions.

- **Academy Mentors** – Assessment experts who are trained to facilitate group thinking and are experienced in assessing student learning at the course, program, and institutional level

## Learning Exchange and Showcase

Academy institutions share their efforts to affirm and improve student learning with each other and the broader Annual Meeting audience through poster fairs, presentations, and roundtable discussions.

## Academy Results Forum

Multi-day event at which institutional teams evaluate the impact of their **Action Portfolios**, good practices and work with **Academy Mentors** to design strategies to sustain their efforts to assess and improve student learning.

## Academy Pricing Structure

June 2007 - June 2008\*

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**Year One** **\$7,500**

Includes participation in:

- Academy Roundtable
- Learning Exchange and Showcase at Annual Meeting
- Academy Network with mentoring and consulting services

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**Years Two & Three** **\$4,250 (per year)**

Includes participation in:

- Bi-annual Progress Analyses (Peer & Mentor Feedback)
- Learning Exchange and Showcase at Annual Meeting
- Academy Network with mentoring and consulting services

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**Year Four:** **\$4,250**

Includes participation in:

- Results Forum
- Learning Exchange and Showcase at Annual Meeting
- Academy Network with mentoring and consulting services

*\* Other events, programs, and customizations will be available for additional costs.*

Three cohorts of 16 institutions  
will be accepted into  
the Academy each year.

## Application Dates:

2007-08 cohort opens May 15th, 2007  
2008-09 cohort opens May 15th, 2008  
2009-10 cohort opens May 15th, 2009

*\*Dates and pricing subject to change*

## Academy Benefits

Develop an institutional culture for assessing and improving student learning

Achieve results on key action portfolios that impact student learning

Increase institutional commitment to and ability for assessing and improving learning

Compile and disseminate good practices and innovative strategies for assessing and improving student learning

Gain support for ongoing institutional effort, experimentation, and good practice development in assessment of student learning

Establish a collaborative relationship with the Commission in building institutional commitment to and ability for assessing and improving student learning

Compare stated student learning outcomes, assessment strategies, and project results with other institutions

Replace Commission-mandated follow-up on assessment of student learning

Document the evidence for accreditation evaluations and follow-up

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