

Outcomes Assessment Overview

Spring, 2007

Children and Family Ministry Program
Christian Education and Discipleship Program
Women in Christian Ministry Program

There are three programs in the Church and Ministry Leadership Department that are the responsibility of Mrs. Deborah Hinkel. The Christian Education and Discipleship Program and Women in Christian Ministry Program have been in existence for at least 10 years. The Children and Family Ministry Program was approved within the last 2 years.

The Outcomes Assessments have been used to keep all three of the programs focused on equipping students for practical, discipleship ministry in both the local church and parachurch ministries. There is an intentional significant overlap in the three ministries that are represented by the core values of the programs. Internships and Practicums continue to be a key to the effective training of students and the communication between the supervisors and the advisor has proven to be invaluable in creating a more effective partnership between the local church and the Lancaster Bible College. Additionally, Mrs. Hinkel has developed several networks comprised of local church practitioners to enhance the relationship between the churches and the college. These networks have also provided opportunities for mentoring and equipping between the practitioners and the students.

Currently, there is a discrepancy in the outcomes enumerated on the Outcomes Assessment Grids and the objectives listed in the college catalog. The goal for this academic year is to align the Assessment Outcomes with those listed in the catalog since the catalog represents the latest revisions in the process of determining the most appropriate objectives for each of the programs. Similarly, the objectives listed in the catalog for the Church and Ministry Leadership Department are the most current and during the current academic year, the Outcomes Assessment grids will reflect the changes made to the college catalog.