



Student Learning Outcome Assessment

Accounting
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“Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.”

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

1. What did you like about this program?

Text Response

I really liked the instructors Jenny Parker and Paul Mack. Although each taught differently their positive teaching really help with my overall learning in the course.

It taught the basics that we needed to know at an acceptable pace.

I really enjoyed the learning experience. I also liked how helpful and willing to help the instructors were. I learned so much in my 2 years at Western.

I enjoyed learning from teachers with experience

It covered all the accounting for the degree

I am very happy I started my college career at Western. What I like most about this program is how well respected it is by local employers. I already have been hired as an Accountant and I haven't even graduated yet. I believe Western's reputation has a lot to do with me already getting hired. In just two years, this program has fully prepared me to be an actual accountant in the real world. What I feel has been most helpful in preparing me to be an accountant were the Accounting Principle 1 and 2 comprehensive problems and the Management Accounting Project. Although they were extremely challenging and stressful, I look back on them with a lot of appreciation.

I liked the chance I had to complete this program while working full time. The night classes were a great way to achieve my degree.

The three core instructors were the best part of the program. They are all caring individuals that want you to succeed. They are all knowledgeable in the area of instruction and can break it down so that you can understand it. The thing I liked best about the instructors is they hold you accountable for your own learning.

I liked that the program had night classes that allowed me to work and attend classes at the same time.

I liked that it was very straight forward. It includes the important classes to help you become an accountant. The courses are good learning opportunities to get me the skills I need.

That is worked with my work and family life.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

2. What would you change about this program?

Text Response

I felt as though some of the general courses weren't all that necessary or relevant to the overall degree.

I would change the capstone project. I feel that it focuses too much on cost accounting. I don't want to be a cost accountant and we have so little experience in costing. It feels unfair that so much of our GPA/if we graduate comes down to that. I would prefer something that focuses more on general accounting.

There is nothing that I can think of that I would change.

Nothing

nothing

Honestly, there isn't anything I would change about this program ...

I realize that there is a need to assess a student's abilities by using the things they have learned in the past two years, but the M.A.P. criteria needs to be re-evaluated. I don't feel that requiring Accounting students to manufacture a product in order to do the accounting aspect of a business is the way to go. I believe that by giving each student a 'supplied' business/product, they would be able to do the accounting aspect of the job (along with costing etc) which would be a better way to evaluate a student's knowledge and understanding of accounting principles. By doing it the way it is currently done, there is really no way to determine if each student truly grasps the concepts. I realize that by doing it this way, it would be creating a lot of work and/or requiring the purchase of a product that includes 'business' aspects, but I truly feel that this is the way to go.

I might change a few class selections such as intro Excel and Word. These classes were easy for me and I am a nontraditional student that did not grow up using these programs. These could be done online or tested out of.

I would not change anything.

The MAPS project is ridiculous. There should be other options.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	10

CORE ABILITIES

3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	0	0	0	5	7	12

4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Text Response

I've learned to have very random due dates and to have to communicate with other classmates as well as instructors to get additional information about questions.

I thought that the case analysis class was awesome. It taught us a lot of things that we will need in our careers. Especially communication.

I have learned how to effectively communicate in emails, reports and verbal communication.
none

I have learned how to communicate better face to face, through email, in written form, in groups, and as a presenter. All forms of communication I will use in a business setting.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	0	0	0	4	8	12

6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Text Response

...its accounting. I learned these concepts in kindergarten. I would appreciate if rounding was NOT taught in the classroom. If someone in the class does not know how to round, this is evidence that they were not placed in the proper math class, and are not ready to be in the college classroom. Rounding was taught in two of my core classes and it was a waste of valuable time.

none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	0	6	4	2	12

8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Text Response

The ethic teacher I had worried more about the citation and his personal views than looking at other views. Also, when commenting he left nothing but negative comments on what was said.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	0	0	5	7	12

10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Text Response

Again, case analysis taught this wonderfully.
none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	0	1	6	5	12

12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

Text Response

Technology is my generation so that wasn't a whole lot that the courses taught me other than where I can find credible resources online.

none

The coursed on learning the accounting programs only give a brief overview. You really need real life experience on these programs.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	0	0	5	7	12

14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Text Response

none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	2	5	4	11

16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Text Response

none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
process financial transactions throughout the accounting cycle.	0	0	0	1	11	12

18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Yes, but I knew the majority of this after leaving high school.
none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
analyze financial and business information to support planning and decision making.	0	0	1	4	7	12

20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Felt is more breezed over.. Would like more focus in this area

My information accounting teacher was more concerned with the citation and English use than information systems.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform payroll preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.	0	0	0	1	11	12

22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Again, could do this out of high school though...
none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform cost accounting preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.	0	1	0	5	6	12

24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

There needs to be a larger focus on cost. There is too much to cover in a one semester class
none

I wish I had had the chance to explore this topic more. Although I learned the basics of costing, I would have liked a little bit more time to understand it.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform organization and/or individual tax accounting preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.	0	0	0	8	4	12

26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Tax was a wonderful class. And it moved at the perfect speed
 none
 There should be another semester of income taxes.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
identify internal controls to reduce risk.	0	0	0	3	9	12

28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Although a lot of internal controls are basically knowledge. I did learned a lot about what is needed to run a company ethically.
 none

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

CONCLUSION

29. Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Text Response

There is too much hand holding in a lot of the classes. This is college. I pay to be here. If I don't need to show up to class and can still earn an A, why should I be punished with attendance points? Its not fair. The same for if I decide to not show up to class and receive a C or F. This is the grade my work has earned, and this is what I deserve.

Only two out of all the teachers I had were a problem.

I have absolutely no complaints about my education at Western Technical College. My only concern is how my peers that have taken evening classes do not get the same great opportunities to learn as the day students get. I have heard for two years how easy the evening classes are and what they don't have to do that we were asked to do. This is not fair to our peers to miss out on the same information we were given.

It was a great experience.

I appreciate the staff working with me to help me get my degree in the fastest way possible. Everyone was very helpful.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5