

Checklist for Program SLOs (PSLOs)

- Does the PSLO answer the question “What will students be able to do when they leave your program?”
- Is each PSLO clear and concise?
- Is each PSLO measurable? Can it be assessed upon completion of the program?



EXAMPLES (list not exhaustive)

Original (Room for improvement)	Revised (Good)	Comments
Understand the scientific method.	Demonstrate an ability to analyze and evaluate topics and problems in a way that comports with scientific method.	Originals are vague and unable to easily be measured.
Understand biology concepts.	Demonstrate knowledge of the discipline of biology.	Revisions describe what students will be able to do upon successfully completing the program.
Communicate concepts of biology.	Demonstrate an ability to critically communicate, in either written or oral form, various aspects of modern biological science.	
This program introduces students to the concept of learning styles	Students will demonstrate the ability to utilize their learning style to solve personal problems.	Original SLO is a very vague goal; it's not about what the student will be able to do when they leave the program; it is not clear how we can assess "introduces." Revision states what the student will be able to do when they leave the program.

Note: More information may be found at:
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<http://sccollege.edu/StudentServices/slo>