PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOME (PLO) WRITING WORKSHEET

PLO Definition: the essential knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors that a student is expected to have acquired upon graduation of a particular program.

Program Purpose Statement: A program’s purpose statement explains the reason(s) why you perform your major activities or operations. The statement explains why you do what you do. It is beneficial to include the primary group of individuals to whom you are providing your services and/or those who will benefit from the services.

Purpose Statement Template:

The purpose of (name of your program) is to (your primary purpose) by providing (your primary functions or activities) to (your stakeholders).

Instructions: Address the following questions/items below to develop your program’s purpose statement and a program learning outcome.

1.) What is the purpose of my program?

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2.) Upon graduation, what do my students need to know?

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3.) Upon graduation, what skills do my students need to have?

4.) Upon graduation, what attitudes do my students need to possess?

5.) Upon graduation, what behaviors do my students need to exhibit?

6.) Combine the information from questions 2-5 below to form a PLO.