### Template No. 3: Assessment Data for the Evidence of Student Learning and the Use of Evidence

## **EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING**

Learning Outcome to be assessed:

**Program Learning Outcome 1:** Show evidence of Reading a passage of Scripture Faithfully

## **Outcome Measure (assignment and schedule):**

Signature Assignment: BIB240 *Reading Scripture Faithfully Project*. (1) Students are to read and reflect on a given passage (Galatians 4:1-7) three times throughout the semester – determining the *meaning* of the passage. (2) Students are to demonstrate how the passage (Galatians 4:1-7) fits into the broader context (Galatians 3:1 – 4:20). (3) Students are to read three commentaries (chosen by the professor) on the passage – comparing their reading of the passage with the commentaries. (4) Students are to present their work in a paper that demonstrates their engagement with the passage and with the commentaries.

# Criteria for Success (if applicable):

Students are to score 80% or higher on distinguished or commendable

**Longitudinal Data Table:** Second time assessed in the new curriculum revision.

## **USE OF EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING**

#### **Conclusions Drawn from Data:**

There were 12 students in the class and 10 / 12 scored 80% (distinguished or commendable)

The results are:

Distinguished (90-100)-6 students Commendable (80-89)-4 students Adequate (70-79)-2 students Minimal (60-69)-0 students Failure (59-0)-0 students

# **Changes to be Made Based on Data:**

The scores indicate that students understand the process of Reading Scripture Faithfully when asked to discuss (1) the *meaning* of a specific passage, and to demonstrate (2) how the passage fits into the broader *structure* of the document.

### **Rubric Used:**

See below

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**Learning Outcome to be assessed:** 

Program Learning Outcome 2: Articulate clear theological doctrines relevant to Christian life and ministry

Outcome Measure (assignment and schedule):

Signature Assignment: THE 250: 10-12-page research paper addressing a particular doctrine, theologian, or theological controversy that is relevant to the course materials.

Criteria for Success (if applicable):

Students are to score 80% or higher on distinguished or commendable.

Longitudinal Data Table: First time assessed in the new curriculum revision.

### USE OF EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The results are:
Distinguished (90-100) – six students
Commendable (80-89) – eight students
Adequate (70-79) – six students
Minimal (60-69) – two students
Failure (59-0) –

## Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Adoption of the textbook on actual writing of theological / religious term papers was very helpful to this class; however, I clear need to give further attention to organization and communication of ideas through writing. I do feel that some of this (if not much of this) should have been learned by these students in other college-level courses.

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# Learning Outcome to be assessed:

Program Learning Outcome 4: Apply principles of Christian formation for the practice of ministry.

# Outcome Measure (assignment and schedule):

Signature Assignment: CMI155 Spiritual Formation Project. Students are to design a retreat or monthly series of lessons for a particular age group (children, youth, adults) on spiritual practices. The project includes a 1000-1250-word summary of materials.

# **Criteria for Success (if applicable):**

Students are to score 80% or higher on distinguished or commendable.

**Longitudinal Data Table:** First time assessed in the new curriculum revision.

#### **USE OF EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING**

### **Conclusions Drawn from Data:**

There were 25 students in the class and 23/25 scored 80% (distinguished or commendable).

The results are:

Distinguished (90-100)—8 students Commendable (80-89)—15 students Adequate (70-79)-2 student Minimal (60-69)-0 students Failure (59-0)-0 student

## Changes to be Made Based on Data:

The scores indicate that students understand the content of Spiritual formational practices and know how to contextualize them in a teaching context. Students provided strong evidence of the formational practices learned in the class.

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# Learning Outcome to be assessed:

**Program Learning Outcome 1**: Interpret scripture evidencing biblical literacy

**Program Learning Outcome 2:** Articular clear theological doctrines relevant to Christian life and ministry

**Program Learning Outcome 3:** Engage the perennial questions of the human condition using resources from philosophy

**Program Learning Outcomes 4:** Apply principles of Christian formation for the practice of ministry

# **Outcome Measure (assignment and schedule):**

1) Signature Assignment: [from syllabus]: THE 495: A 10-12 page paper that will draw from course readings and discussions to explore implications for the vocation for which the student is preparing. This paper should include both theoretical and practical considerations . . .

# **Criteria for Success (if applicable):**

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# **Conclusions Drawn from Data:**

The results are:

Distinguished (90-100): two students Commendable (80-89): five students Adequate (70-79): one student Minimal (60-69): one student

Failure (59-0)

Changes to be Made Based on Data: No changes to be made based on data.

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