

# NCWC Strategic Plan

## Academic Excellence

Academic excellence means sustaining an environment in which student learning is fostered inside and out of the classroom through a pervasive atmosphere of high expectations leading to student mastery of a significant body of general and specialized knowledge; the ability to find, analyze and effectively use relevant information; and the development and employment of fundamental academic skills (reading, writing, critical thinking problem-solving) in all areas of college life, so that the joy of learning permeates every aspect of campus culture.

**Source: Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas**

Goal	Responsible Unit, Person, etc.	Timeline	Estimated Cost	Completion Date
Enhance Academic Program Offerings	Division Faculty; Provost; Dean's Council; President's Council	Ongoing	Varies	Ongoing
Develop and implement a formal program review process.	Provost and Faculty assisted by the Director of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research	Develop process and procedure Fall 2012, begin reviews Spring 2013	\$500 per year for each program coordinator. This amount also covers activities related to assessment of general education and outcomes assessment. There are 20 program coordinators. The total annual cost will be <b>\$10,000</b> .	Ongoing
Implement online evaluations of all traditional and ASPIRE courses using Jenzabar.	Director of Information Systems; VP for Adult Education; Provost; Director of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research	Spring 2012 for Upcoming Budget Year	The one-time fee to upgrade Jenzabar to handle this service is <b>\$10,500</b> .	Fall 2012

Develop and implement an improved process of learning outcomes assessment.	Provost; Director of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research	2012-2015	Same as cost for the program review goal.	Ongoing
Develop and implement an improved process of general education assessment.	Provost; Director of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research	2012-2015	Same as cost for the program review goal.	Ongoing