



October: **O** is for **Objectives** (Program) and **Outcomes** (Learning and Course)

**Objectives:**

Detailed aspects of the program that are accomplished by the successful completion of the course outcomes (CCAC).

Refers to specific tasks needed to accomplish the goals of a program (Suskie, p. 75)

Your department/discipline is working on Program Objectives right now...

How do both subject matter and course content support the program/discipline objectives?

**Outcomes:**

Learning outcomes that are observable, measurable and assessable; statements of the end products of student learning including knowledge, skills, competencies and attitudes (CCAC).

Course outcomes are the knowledge, skills, attitudes and habits of mind that students take with them from a particular course (Suskie, p. 75).

During the 2005-2006 academic year, 170 course syllabi were updated to include course outcomes that meet this definition!

**CHALLENGE:** Do you know the learning outcomes for the courses you currently teach??

Suskie, L. *Assessing Student Learning: A Common Sense Guide*. Boston: Anker Publishing, 2004.