

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
PROGRAM AND COURSE LEVEL STUDENT  
LEARNING OUTCOMES?

### Program Student Learning Outcomes

At this level, **3 to 5 central goals** describe what the students will have attained by the end of the program

Characteristics of Student Learning Outcomes at the Program Level:

**Encapsulates** the knowledge, skills, and attitude that students are expected to learn from the program

Are the **broadest** goals for the program

**Require higher order thinking skills** (is a synthesis of distinct skills and specialized areas of content)

Are **evaluated or regularly updated** each academic year

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

Characteristics of Student Learning Outcomes at the Course Level:

Are more **specific** and **identify the unique knowledge and skills** expected to be gained in a particular course

**clearly relate** to topics, assignments, and exams that are covered in the present course

Are **measurable**

**Use action verbs**