NSSE Webinars 2009

NSSE continues to host its series of free, live, interactive Webinars. We hope you will join us for an upcoming Webinar to learn more about how NSSE results can be used in institutional assessment and planning. We also suggest a group viewing to facilitate cross-campus conversations about using NSSE and as a convenient way to participate with your colleagues.

Upcoming Webinars

The 2009 schedule of NSSE Tuesday Webinars includes new topics that focus on how to integrate NSSE data with institutional data, use NSSE in accreditation, move beyond benchmark results, and dig deeper into your institutional results - a three-part series presented by NSSE research analysts.

Please join us for these upcoming Webinars:

- September 15, 2009 - Driving Data Down: Using NSSE Results in Department, School, and Major-level Assessment Activities
- September 22, 2009 - Considering Results from the Consortium for the Study of Writing in College (This Webinar is designed for Consortium institutions only.)
- October 13, 2009 - Linking NSSE Data to Other Institutional Data

Webinar Archives

Previously recorded Webinars designed for new and experienced NSSE data users as well as general higher education audiences are currently available for viewing on the NSSE Web site, www.nsse.iub.edu/webinars/archives.cfm. Most Webinars run approximately one hour in length and can be viewed at your convenience.

General Interest

Topic: The Transparency-Accountability Puzzle: Where Does NSSE Fit?
Presenter: Alex McCormick, NSSE Director

Transparency and accountability are in the air - and the news. The Spellings Commission called for more of both, and AASCU’s and NASULGC’s Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) and NAICU’s University and College Accountability Network (U-CAN) have created mechanisms for colleges and universities to report a wide range of information using standard templates. In addition, both USA TODAY and US News & World Report have invited NSSE participants to share selected results. In what ways can NSSE results respond to demands for transparency and accountability? What are the arguments for and against making NSSE results public? Are there ways in which reporting institution-level summaries can divert attention from important considerations of educational quality? Join this Webinar to learn more about how to begin using your Institutional Report, thinking ahead to the next administration and making changes based on post hoc analysis plans.

New Users

Topic: Getting Down to Basics: Working with Your NSSE Data
Presenters: Jillian Kinzie and Chad Ahren

The Webinar begins with a short introduction to the student engagement concept and the principles that undergird the NSSE survey. Next, the presenters provide tips for a successful NSSE administration, including monitoring response rates and creating awareness of the survey with key constituencies to ensure the collection of usable data. The session finishes up with an overview of data and reports, and suggestions on how to best understand and use the reports for planning and improvement.

Topic: Digging Deeper Series: Core Concepts
Presenters: Amber Lambert and Julie Williams

Webinar will familiarize users with essential NSSE data file elements. Topics include:
- Opening and navigating your NSSE SPSS file
- Dissecting your data file
- Identifying important sub-groups
- Assessing data quality

Topic: Assessing the First-Year Experience
Presenter: Jillian Kinzie

Student success in the first year of college is no accident. This Webinar highlights approaches to maximizing the use of NSSE results to inform first-year experience programs, retention initiatives, and to consider what results suggest about activities for the sophomore year.
Topic: Introduction to BCSSE
Presenter: Jim Cole

The basics of BCSSE administration and making use of the data are presented. The Webinar is intended for those wanting to know more about BCSSE, as well as those who have BCSSE data but want to learn more about how it can be used.

Topic: Tips on Maximizing the Value of Your NSSE Institutional Report: Customizing Comparison Groups
Presenters: Jillian Kinzie and Rich Shoup

Relevant, appropriate comparison groups are a vital component of NSSE Institutional Reports. The ability to customize these groups to suit your assessment needs is an important way to ensure the usefulness of your NSSE reports. The Webinar provides innovative strategies for customization that involve campus stakeholders in the selection, as well as four approaches to building comparison groups (peer groups, aspirational groups, overlap groups, and pre-existing groups).

Topic: Using BCSSE Data: Understanding that Student Expectations are Important
Presenter: Jim Cole

Following a brief description of BCSSE survey content and administration, the Webinar conducts a quick quiz, to see how well participants know their first-year students. This is followed by an in-depth campus examples which explores the importance of high school experiences and the expectations and attitudes of first-year students.

Topic: Using FSSE and NSSE Data: An Overview of Existing Tools and Reports
Presenters: Amy Garver and Mahauganee Shaw

Webinar presents an overview of NSSE and FSSE surveys including their history, administration, and items, with a focus on the option to choose course-based or typical student questions for FSSE. Discussion of individual and combined reports and useful Web tools for analyzing and presenting results is also provided.

Experienced Users

Topic: Beyond NSSE Benchmarks: Underused Nuggets of Effective Educational Practice
Presenter: Jillian Kinzie

Make better use of the hidden gems in your NSSE results. “Beyond NSSE Benchmarks: Underused Nuggets of Effective Educational Practice” highlights a number of novel, but proven approaches for making NSSE results more meaningful and useful to efforts to enhance student learning and success. Topics include:

- NSSE scales, including deep approaches to learning, and “scalelets”
- High-impact practices
- Models for exploring retention and persistence

Topic: Digging Deeper Series: Intermediate Concepts
Presenters: Shimon Sarraf and Rick Shoup

NSSE research analysts demonstrate creative ways to dig deeper into NSSE data. Topics include:

- Using the NSSE syntax library
- Collapsing item response options for reporting and analysis
- Working with scales
- Conducting sub-group analyses
- Linking to other data sources
- Creating graphical displays

Topic: Digging Deeper Series: Advanced Use - Multi-Year Analysis
Presenters: Allison BrckaLorenz and Bob Gonyea

Presenters share powerful analyses that NSSE data users can perform to learn more about student engagement on their campus. The items below are offered as stand-alone modules:

- Multi-Year Analysis
- Multivariate Models

Topic: Multi-Year Analysis of NSSE Data
Presenters: Bob Gonyea and Allison BrckaLorenz

Session addresses NSSE survey changes that have an impact on multi-year analyses; appropriate longitudinal analyses using engagement data; different approaches for analyzing the data; instructions and tools for creating the data set; and different ways to represent multi-year data in reports and visual presentations.

Topic: Using Your BCSSE-NSSE Data
Presenter: Jim Cole and Kevin Guidry

This Webinar is intended for institutions that want to learn more about how to effectively use their BCSSE-NSSE data. Participants should already have some understanding or knowledge of the BCSSE and NSSE projects, as the basics of BCSSE will not be covered in this session.

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