

Overview

We have implemented a new field in the catalog's program information for the 21-22 catalog edition called **Program Outcomes**. This field will be edited directly in the CIM program record and inserted into the CAT program page under a new tab.

Why Program Outcomes?

- **To communicate** concisely and clearly to students **what skills, knowledge and capabilities they will acquire** by the end of your program.
- **To capture the key outcomes** of your program that alumni can share in an elevator pitch or interview.
- **To provide transparency** for prospective and current students. Outcomes statements articulate core expectations which help students understand the focus of the experience and what will be required of them.
- **To support focused and strategic teaching and assessment planning.** By articulating what students should be able to accomplish by the end of an experience, the program has set the standards around which they can align their program development and teaching.

Example:

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Apply knowledge of computing and mathematics appropriate to the discipline
- Analyze a problem, and identify and define the computing requirements appropriate to its solution
- Design, implement, and evaluate a computer-based system, process, component, or program to meet desired needs
- Function effectively on teams to accomplish a common goal
- Understand professional, ethical, legal, security and social issues and responsibilities
- Communicate effectively with a range of audiences
- Analyze the local and global impact of computing on individuals, organizations, and society
- Recognize the need for and an ability to engage in continuing professional development
- Use current techniques, skills, and tools necessary for computing practice
- Apply mathematical foundations, algorithmic principles, and computer science theory in the modeling and design of computer-based systems in a way that demonstrates comprehension of the tradeoffs involved in design choices
- Apply design and development principles in the construction of software systems of varying complexity

Where will Program Outcomes be published?

Once the Program Outcomes have been entered in the CIM record, they will be used for the following:

- **The University Catalog**
 - Program Outcomes will be inserted in each program's CAT pages under its own tab.

- **TransferVA**
 - In late Spring/Summer 2021, SCHEV will relaunch their transfer tools website in a new portal offering which is designed for our potential undergraduate transfer students. If applicable, Program Outcomes will be included in our data set that feeds into this new system.
- **Digital diplomas**
 - While we are launching our new digital diplomas offering in January 2021 for Fall 2020 conferrals, we also hope to add these outcomes as an addendum to that digital offering in late 2021. Not only will future employers be able to receive an official digital version of the diploma, but they'd also see a secondary page with this set of statements supporting what that award really means.

How do I add Program Outcomes for my program?

Program outcomes are entered directly into a program's CIM record in a text field. If you have CIM access then you are able to edit your programs in the CIM Program Management [site](#). When the outcomes are approved in CIM, the Registrar's Office will add the content to the program's catalog page.

For assistance editing programs in CIM, please contact your college [Catalog Author](#).

Note: We are implementing this new field in the 21-22 catalog edition. In order to be included in this publication, Program Outcomes *must be entered and fully approved in CIM no later than Friday, February 26th*.