# PREPARATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL ABET 2000 ACCREDITATION VISIT

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#### Introduction

The EC2000 accreditation criteria is a very significant change from the previous criteria and requires programs to prepare much differently for an accreditation visit. Detailed published program educational objectives must be prepared and a process developed to assess whether the program objectives are being met by the curriculum. A system of ongoing evaluation that demonstrates achievement of these objectives and uses the results of the assessment process to improve the effectiveness of the program is also required. All accredited programs must also meet the EC2000 program outcomes a-k and demonstrate through their assessment process that these are being met.

In addition to the program objectives and EC2000 program outcomes, it must be demonstrated that the professional component and environmental engineering program criteria are met. The professional component consists of (a) one year of a combination of college level mathematics and basic sciences (b) one and one-half years of engineering topics, and (c) general education that complements the technical content of the curriculum and is consistent with the program and institutional objectives.

The environmental engineering program criteria require that graduates of the program demonstrate knowledge of fundamental concepts of waste minimization and pollution prevention; understanding of the roles and responsibilities of public institutions and private organizations in environmental management; capability to apply environmental systems and process modeling techniques; proficiency in mathematics through differential equations and statistics, calculus-based physics, general chemistry, earth science, biological science and fluid mechanics. The program criteria also requires knowledge of introductory level fundamentals in the following major focus areas: water supply and resources, environmental systems modeling, environmental chemistry, wastewater management, solid waste management, hazardous waste management, atmospheric systems and air pollution control, and environmental and occupational health; proficiency in advanced principles and practice in a minimum of three of the major focus areas listed above. Understanding of concepts of professional practice and the importance of professional licensing and continuing education are also expected of graduates.

#### Preparation for Accreditation Visit

The department of civil and environmental engineering at UWP offers two degrees: civil engineering and environmental engineering. Preparation for the accreditation visit for the

undergraduate bachelor of science degrees began two years prior to the actual visit with the development of program objectives, identification of constituencies, and development of a more formalized assessment process than existed under the previous Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) criteria. Since the programs overlap and have many of the same required classes, the same program objectives were adopted. The program objectives were developed with input from the Engineering Advisory Board, one of the constituents, and published in the catalog and on the department web page (<u>www.uwplatt.edu/~enve/</u>).

The assessment process to provide feedback on achievement of EC2000 program outcomes and University of Wisconsin-Platteville (UWP) program objectives was developed next. Because the assessment process is the most significant change from the previous accreditation criteria, a significant amount of time and effort was required to develop and implement it initially. Now that the process is established the effort to continue it is expected to be much less than at the beginning. One of the goals in developing the assessment process was to make it easy to implement and yet be one that would stimulate continuous improvement of the program. The process consists of the nine assessment activities which are listed in Table 1. All assessment activities are completed on a semester basis except the survey of alumni and their employers which is completed on an annual basis. All of the assessment results are compiled on an annual basis and presented to the departmental curriculum and assessment committee at the first department meeting prior to the beginning of the fall semester. This timetable allows for compilation of the results and preparation of the summary reports for each activity by the department chair/program coordinator over the summer. The relationship between the constituencies and the assessment process is shown in Figure 1. For ease of administration the assessment activities are completed for both civil and environmental engineering at the same time and because the environmental engineering program is only 4 years old and only has a few graduates the assessment results for all activities were combined. In the future separate assessments will be made for each program.



Figure 1: Framework for the Environmental Engineering Assessment Process

#### Table 1. Assessment Measurement Tools

- A. Survey data from employers of summer interns and Co-op students
- B. Instructor evaluation of oral and written reports
- C. Survey data from potential employers interviewing CEE students on campus
- D. Evaluation summaries of senior design projects by consultants/practitioners
- E. Program review from college of EMS' Advisory Board
- F. Evaluation summaries of CEE courses by students
- G. Exit Survey data from graduating seniors
- H. Survey data from program alumni and their employers
- I. Fundamentals of Engineering examination results

Results of assessment measurement tools A, C, D, F, G, and H are compiled by the departmental program assistant during the school year and a report for each is written by the

program coordinator during the summer. The results from B and F are used directly by faculty in assessing completion of program objectives and EC2000 program outcomes. Results for I are provided to the department and a summary report is written by the program coordinator during the summer. Results from E are provided to the Dean of the college and disseminated to the environmental engineering program coordinator. The assessment measurement instruments for A, C, D, F, G, H are contained in appendix 1.

Most of the survey instruments used in the assessment process asked respondents to indicate their agreement or disagreement with statements about aspects of the program. The responses one could choose from are: strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, or strongly disagree. To use the results of the assessment process for improvement of the program the following policy was adopted:

For any given survey-statement, the combined percentage of respondents indicating "disagree" and "strongly disagree" shall not exceed 10%. An investigation shall be warranted and appropriate changes shall be made in the area of concern if the 10% performance adequacy limit is exceeded.

For the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam the results of each subject area were compared to the national average and the following policy for evaluating performance was adopted:

For each subject area the average percent of questions correctly answered by UWP EnvE students shall exceed the national average, but the Committee shall consider an adequate performance to be no less than 90% of the national average. An investigation is warranted and possible improvements shall be considered regarding a particular subject if the 90% performance adequacy criterion is not met for two successive FE exams in the academic year.

#### Self Study Preparation

Preparation of the self study was initiated by the program coordinator during the summer a year and one half before the assessment visit. The assessment chapter was prepared first with the remainder of the self study being prepared prior to March 15. The dean of the college set several intermediate completion deadlines for the self study during the year before the assessment visit was scheduled but everything was to be completed by March 15. A matrix was prepared that illustrates the relationships between the program objectives and the assessment instruments. This is shown in Table 2 below. To document that all EC2000 Program outcomes were being assessed, a matrix was prepared to illustrate these relationships too. This is shown in table 3 below.

Students are able to meet the program objectives and EC2000 program outcomes by the required courses they complete. The program objectives that are satisfied by each course were assembled in a matrix. A course folder was prepared for each course that contained the student

work that documented the completion of the program objectives and program outcomes. At the time of the on-site visit course folders were made available for inspection. The relationship between the program objectives and required courses is shown in Table 4 below. The relationship between the EC2000 program outcomes and required courses is shown in Table 5 below.

To document that the environmental engineering program criteria were also met by the program, a table was prepared that showed the program criteria and the course(s) that included coverage of it. Course numbers and titles used in the various tables are contained below. More detail can be obtained at the department web page: <u>www.uwplatt.edu/~enve/</u>. Documentation of how the EC2000 program criteria and courses are shown below in Table 6 and Table 7. To document how each of the EC2000 program outcomes and program objectives were met in each class Table 8 was prepared. It included homework, lab reports, exams, design projects, oral presentations, term paper, guest speaker, special lecture topics and field trip as the methods of delivery of the courses. This table was placed in the front pocket of each course folder as an aid to the evaluator.

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
Math 2640	Calculus I	CEE 4310	Groundwater Hydrology
Math 2740	Calculus II	CEE 4330	Solid & Hazardous Waste
Math 2840	Calculus III	CEE 4400	Applied Hydraulics
Math 3630	Differential Eqn	CEE 4410	Advanced Enviro. Engrg.
Math 4030	Prob. & Statistics	CEE 4630	Geog. Info. Systems
Phys 2510	Physics I Lab	CEE 4930	Sr. Design Project
Phys 2530	Physics I		
Chem 1450	Chemistry for Engine	ers	
Chem 3110	Envir. Chemistry Lab	)	
Chem 3130	Envir. Chemistry		
Geol 3130	Engrg. Geology		
Biol 3240	Microbiology		
GE 2130	Statics		
GE 2340	Mechanics of Materia	ıls	
GE 2820	Engr. Economics		
CEE 3020	Intro. to Construction		
CEE 2120	Computer Application	ns	
CEE 2630	Surveying		
CEE 3300	Fluid Mechanics		
CEE 3340	Intro. to Environment	al Engineering	
CEE 3730	Geotechnical Enginee	ering	
CEE 4020	Construction Costs &	Estimates	
CEE 4040	Construction Manage	ment	
CEE 4300	Hydrology		

# Table 2 Relationship of Environmental Engineering Program Objectives to AssessmentMeasurement Tools

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM ASSESSMENT INPUTS	Env 1. Enhar and aj engine proble 2. Enhar gather 3. Enhar comm writin 4. Enhar 5. Enhar technor practi 6. Enhar ethica	rironmental nce student pply mather eering scien ems. nce student nce student nunicate tec nce student nce student ologies nec ce. nce student unce student nce student unce student nce student unce student	Engineerir ability to c matics, phy nee to solve ability to a and interpre ability to e hnical info ability to d ability to d ability to u essary for p understand ong learning	ng Progr onceptu sical sc practic pply sci et data. ffective rmation evelop t se state- professio ling of p g respor	am Object alize, unc iences, an al engine entific pr ly and acc orally an corally an teamwork of-the-ar onal engin profession asibilities	ctives lerstand, id ering inciples to curately d in t skills. t neering al, legal,
	1	2	3	4	5	6
A. Survey data from employers of summer interns and COOP students	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
B. Instructor evaluation of oral and written reports		X	X	X		X
C. Survey data from potential employers interviewing CEE students on campus	Х		Х			X
<ul> <li>Evaluation summaries of senior design projects by consultants/practitioners</li> </ul>	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
E. Program Reviews from Advisory Board	X	Х	X		Х	Х
F. Evaluation summaries of CEE courses by students						
G. Exit Survey data from graduating seniors	X	X	X	X	X	X
H. Survey data from program alumni and their employers	X	X	X	X	X	X
I. Fundamentals of Engineering examination results	X				X	X

# Table 3 Assessment Measurement Tools and their relationship to EC2000 Program Outcomes December 2000 PD0 CD + M OUTCOMES

		EC20	00 PI	ROG	RAN	4 OU'	ГСОМ	ЛES				
		a. A	bility t	o appl	y kno	wledge	e of ma	themat	ics, sci	ence, a	und	
		en b Al	igineer	ing o desi	an an	d cond	PUTCOMES edge of mathematics, science, and onduct experiments, as well as to analyze em, component, or process to meet desired nulti-disciplinary teams nulate, and solve engineering problems ssional and ethical responsibility effectively cessary to understand the impact of a global and societal context d for, and the ability to engage in life-long orary issues iques, skills, and modern engineering tools <u>ng practice</u> e <u>f g h i j k</u> X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X					
		an	id inter	pret d	lata		uct exp	ermen	its, as v	ven as	to anal	yze
	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	c. Al ne	bility t eds	o desi	gn a s	ystem,	compo	onent, c	or proce	ess to n	neet de	sired
	ASSESSMENT INPUTS	$\begin{array}{ccc} d. & A \\ e. & A \\ f. & U \\ \sigma & A \end{array}$	bility t bility t ndersta bility t	o func o iden inding	tion c tify, f of pr	on mult formula rofessio	i-discip ite, and onal and fective	plinary l solve d ethica	teams engine al respo	ering p onsibili	roblem ty	IS
		h. Th	he broa	d edu	catior	n neces	sary to	unders	tand th	e impa	ct of	
		en	igineer	ing sc	lutior	is in a g	global a	and soc	cietal co	ontext		_
		i Re	ecognit	ion o	f the r	need for	r, and t	he abil	ity to e	ngage	in life-	long
		j K	nowled	lge of	conte	mpora	ry issu	es				
		k. A	bility t	o use	the tee	chnique	es, skil	ls, and	moder	n engin	neering	tools
		ne	cessar	y for e	engine	ering p	oractice			<u> </u>		
		a	b	с	d	e	t	g	h	1	1	k
А.	Survey data from	v	v		$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$		$\mathbf{v}$			v	v
	interns and COOP students	Λ	Λ		Λ	Λ		Λ			Λ	Λ
В	Instructor evaluation of oral				X			X				
2.	and written reports											
C.	Survey data from potential											
	employers interviewing						Х	Х				
	CEE students on campus											
D.	Evaluation summaries of			*7	*7							
	senior design projects by	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		X	Х
F	Program Reviews from											
ь.	Advisory Board	Х	Х	X		Х		Х				x
F.	Evaluation summaries of		1		1	1	1		1	1	11	
	CEE courses by students											
G.	Exit Survey data from											
	graduating seniors	Х	Х	Х								Χ
H.	Survey data from program											
т	alumni and their employers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
1.	Fundamentals of Engineering examination	x	x			x	x				x	x
	results	~ ~				~ ~	~ ~					

Table 4 Environmental Engineering Courses and their Relationship to Program Objectives

				Environme	ental Engine	ering Progra	am Objectives
ENVIRO ENGINEER	ONMENTA RING COU	AL JRSES	<ol> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol>	Enhance st and apply r engineering problems. Enhance st to gather, a Enhance st communica writing. Enhance st Enhance st technologia practice. Enhance st ethical, and lifelong lea	udent ability nathematics g science to a udent ability nalyze, and udent ability ate technical udent ability udent ability es necessary udent unders l	to conceptu physical sc solve practic to apply sci interpret dat to effective information to develop to use state for profession standing of p sibilities.	alize, understand, iences, and cal engineering entific principles a. ly and accurately orally and in teamwork skills. -of-the-art onal engineering professional, legal,
	1	2		3	4	5	6
CEE 2120				X		X	
CEE 2630	Х	Х				Х	
CEE 3020	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х
CEE 3300	Х	Х		Х	Х		
CEE 3340	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х
CEE 3730	X	X		Х		Х	
CEE 4020	X				Х	Х	Х
CEE 4040	X			Х			
CEE 4300	X	Х		Х	Х	Х	
CEE 4310	X	Х		Х			X
CEE 4330	X			Х	Х	Х	
CEE 4400	X					Х	
CEE 4410	X	Х		Х	Х	Х	X
CEE 4630		Х		Х	Х	Х	
CEE 4730	X			Х		Х	
CEE 4930	X			X	Х	Х	

# Table 5 Environmental Engineering Courses and their Relationships to ABET Program Outcomes

					A	BET PR	OGRAM	OUTCO	MES		
			a. /	Ability to	apply kno	owledge o	of mathen	natics, sci	ience, and	engineer	ring
			b. /	Ability to	design ar	nd conduc	et experim	nents, as v	well as to	analyze a	ind
			i	nterpret o	lata						
			c. /	Ability to	design a	system, c	omponen	t, or proc	ess to mee	et desired	needs
	а <i>с</i> гра		d. /	Ability to	function	on multi-	disciplina	ry teams			
ENVIRON	ME	NTAL	e. /	Ability to	identify,	formulate	e, and solv	ve engine	ering prol	olems	
ENGINEE	RIN	<b>J</b>	f. U	Understar	nding of p	rofession	al and eth	ical respo	onsibility		
CORE CO	URS	ES	g. /	Ability to	communi	icate effe	ctively				
			h. 7	The broad	l educatio	n necessa	ry to und	erstand th	ne impact	of engine	eering
			S	solutions	in a globa	l and soc	ietal conte	ext			
			i. I	Recogniti	on of the	need for,	and the a	bility to e	engage in	life-long	learning
			j. l	Knowledg	ge of cont	emporary	issues				
			k. 1	Ability to	use the te	echniques	, skills, a	nd moder	n enginee	ring tools	3
	1		I	necessary	for engin	eering pr	actice				
	a	b	с	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
CEE 212							Х				X
CEE 263	X				X						X
CEE 302	X		Х	X	Х	Х	Х		X	Х	X
CEE 330	X	X	X		Х		Х				X
CEE 334	Х	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	X
CEE 373	X	X			Х		Х				X
CEE 402	Χ				Х	Х					X
CEE 404						Х	Х				
CEE 430	Х	Х			Х		Х	Х			X
CEE 431	Χ				Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	X
CEE 433	Χ	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х		Х	X
CEE 440	Х		Х		Х					Х	Х
CEE 441	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х	X
CEE 463	Х		Х	Х			Х			Х	Х
CEE 473	Х		Х		Х		Х				Х
CEE 493	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Social										Х	
Science &											
Humanities											

## Table 6 Environmental Engineering Program Criteria Coverage

Program Criteria Topic	Courses That Satisfy the Criteria
Waste minimization and pollution prevention	CEE 3340, CEE 4330
Roles and responsibilities of public institutions and private organizations	CEE 3340, 4300, 4310, 4330, 4400, 4410, 4930
Capability to apply environmental systems and process modeling techniques	CEE 3340, 4300, 4310, 4330, 4400, 4410
Proficiency in mathematics	Math 2640, 2740, 2840, 4030, 3630
Proficiency in physics, chemistry, earth science, and biological science	Phys 2510, 2530, Chem 1450, 3110, 3130, Geol 3130, Biol 3240
Proficiency in fluid mechanics	CEE 3300
Understanding of professional practice	GE 2820, CEE 4930

In addition the environmental engineering program criteria requires introductory level proficiency in the following focus areas and advanced level proficiency in three focus areas. These are shown in Table 7 below.

## Table 7 Focus Area Coverage by Required Courses in Environmental Engineering

Focus Area	Chem 3130,311 0	CEE 3340	CEE 4300	CEE 4310	CEE 4330	CEE 4400	CEE 4410
Water Supply & Resources		Ι	I,A	I, A	А	I, A	
Env. Systems Modeling		Ι	I,A	Ι	А	А	I, A
Envir. Chem	I, A	Ι					А
Wastewater Mgmt		Ι			А	I,A	А
Solid Waste Mgmt		Ι			А		Ι
Hazardous Waste Mgmt		Ι			А		
Atmos Sys. & Air Pollution	Ι	Ι			Ι		Ι
Env. & Occupat. Health	Ι	Ι			Ι		Ι

Note: I = Introductory level proficiency, A= Advanced level proficiency

Table 8 Relationship of Environmental Engineering Core Courses to Program Objectivesand ABET Program Outcomes

	$\square$	En	vironme	ntal Emp	hasis Core (	Courses & F	Related Ma	aterial
		CEE 3300	CEE 3340	CEE 4300	CEE 4330	CEE 4310	CEE 4400	CEE 4410
	a	HW,LB EX	HW,LB EX	HW,LB EX	HW,LB, EX,DP	HW, EX	HW,EX	HW,EX,DP
	b	LB	LB	HW,LB	HW,LB,DP			
	с	HW,EX		LB			DP	HW,EX,DP, FT
AM	d		LB	LB				
BE1 GR CO	e	LB,OR		LB		HW	DP	DP
AlPRC	f			SLT	SLT	ТР		
H O	g	LB,OR	LB,OR	LB	OR,LB DP,TP	TP,OR	DP	DP,OR,TP
	h		SLT	SLT,FT	SLT,FT	TP,SLT		SLT,FT
	i							
	j		SLT	SLT,FT	SLT,FT	FT,TP,SLT		SLT,FT
	k	LB	HW,LB	HW,LB	SLT,FT	FT	HW,DP	DP,FT
	1	HW,LB EX	HW,LB EX,	HW,LB EX,TP	HW,LB, EX,DP,TP	HW,EX	HW,EX, DP	HW,EX,DP
3RAM S	2	LB	LB	LB			DP	
PROC	3	LB,OR	LB	LB	HW,LB, EX,DP,TP	OR,TP	DP	DP,TP,OR
ENG	4	LB	LB	LB				DP
ENV. J C	5		HW,LB	LB	LB,DP		HW,DP	FT,SLT,DP
	6		SLT	HW,LB EX,DP		FT,SLT,TP		

\*HW = home work, DP=design project, LB=lab reports, EX=exams, OR=oral presentation, TP=term paper, GS=guest speaker, SLT= special lecture topic, FT=field trips

#### Site Visit

During the site visit the evaluator spent Sunday through Tuesday on campus. During that time he met with the program coordinator on Sunday afternoon to review the course folders and tour the laboratories. On Monday he met with students and faculty in the program as well as faculty from chemistry and biology in the morning. In the afternoon he had more detailed discussions with the program coordinator. He had questions about environmental engineering program criteria coverage in the curriculum and what constituted proficiency in a subject area. On Tuesday the evaluator orally presented his draft recommendations.

#### Lessons Learned

After completing the process of preparing for and participating in an EC2000 criteria accreditation visit the following suggestions are offered:

- 1. Send the person who will be preparing the self study and interacting with the ABET visitor to a training session.
- 2. Start preparing well before the visit

It will take at least a year to establish the assessment process and complete the cycle of conducting the assessment and reviewing the results. It will take at least another year to implement changes based upon the assessment results obtained during the first cycle. The assessment cycle must be completed at least once. Document how the assessment process is evaluated and modified.

- Develop program objectives that are unique to the program Program objectives do not need to include the EC2000 program outcomes. Graduates must meet program outcomes anyway. Include measures in the assessment process to determine if objectives are being met.
- 4. Develop definitions for terms and include them in the self study Terms should be defined in terms of the program. Terms to consider are: success in meeting program objectives, ability to apply knowledge, ability to design, understanding, understanding of need for, demonstrated knowledge of, proficiency in, modern engineering tools, sufficient number of faculty, etc.
- 5. Contact the visitor soon after he or she has been selected to see what additional information they may need. Ask who they would like to talk to during the on-site visit and when they would like to meet with them so that scheduling can be facilitated more easily.

Appendix 1

# Engineering Alumnus Questionnaire Engineering Programs Assessment Survey College of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science University of Wisconsin - Platteville

#### Please provide some background information.

<ul> <li>I am a graduate of the following degree program at UW-Platteville:</li> <li> <ul> <li>Civil Engineering</li> <li>Electrical Engineering</li> <li>Environmental Engineering</li> <li>Industrial Engineering</li> <li>Engineering</li> <li>Engineering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2. Year of graduation:	
3. Status upon entering UW-Platteville:  □ New Freshman  □ Transfer Student	
4. Gender: <sup> □</sup> Male <sup> □</sup> Female <sup> </sup>	
5. Current job title:	·
6. Employed at this current employer for years.	
<ul> <li>7. The best descriptor of my current responsibilities. (Please check one.)</li> <li>product design  <ul> <li>process design</li> <li>sales</li> <li>management</li> <li>technical support</li> <li>construction</li> <li>manufacturing</li> <li>consulting</li> <li>other</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8. Current annual salary range: $\Box < $30,000$ $\Box $50,000 - $60,000$ $\Box $60,000 - $70,000$ $\Box > $80,000$	
9. Total number of engineers employed in the company (approximately):	
10. The primary product/service of my company:	
<ul> <li>11. Number of people under my supervision:</li> <li>Professionals</li> <li>Support Staff</li> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> </ul>	

## 12. Current status of registration: Registered Professional Engineer Engineering in Training

 $\Box$  I have no plans to pursue registration  $\Box$  I have plans to pursue registration, but have not begun the process.

Please report your assessment of your UW-Platteville education by checking the appropriate response for each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13. I feel that I was well-prepared to apply my knowledge of mathematics and science in my career.					
14. I feel that I was well-prepared to apply my knowledge of engineering principles in my career.					
15. I feel that I was well-prepared to design a necessary system, process, or experiment to meet my responsibilities.					
16. I feel that I was well-prepared to participate as a member of a multi-disciplinary team.					
17. I feel that I was well-prepared to identify, formulate, and solve problems using my engineering skills.					
<ol> <li>I feel that I acquired an adequate understanding of engineering ethics.</li> </ol>					_
19. I feel that I acquired effective written communication skills.					
20. I feel that I acquired effective oral communication skills.					
21. I feel that my education at UW-Platteville enables me to understand the impact of engineering design on society and the environment.					

#### 22. I feel that my familiarity with

computers and other current engineering tools necessary for practice in the engineering profession was effective.

23. Overall I am pleased with the preparation for engineering practice that I received at UW-Platteville.

Please answer the following questions.

24. What do you consider to be the strengths of your engineering education?

25. What do you consider to be the weaknesses of your engineering education?

26. What improvements would you recommend for the engineering curriculum at UW-Platteville?

27. Please indicate any other opportunities you have had since graduating from UW-Platteville.

□ Seminars/Workshops/Short courses/Conferences

□ Major Project Assignments

□ Other \_\_\_\_\_

□ Patent application

□ Publications

- □ Master's Degree
- $\Box$  MBA
- □ PhD
- □ Promotions
- □ Elected Office
- Volunteer Organization
- 28. Which resources do you use to keep up-to-date with developments within your profession and/or within technology?
  - News Letters
     Publications
     Cross Training
     Conferences
     News Groups
     Other \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - □ Trade Journals/Industry Publications

29. Please provide any additional comments regarding the engineering programs at UW-Platteville.

#### **Exit Questionnaire for Graduating Engineers**

#### Assessment of your Academic Preparation

The goal of this evaluation is to provide feed back on curriculum issues only.

1. Listed below are a number of expectations for graduating engineers. Please mark the box corresponding to your evaluation of the curriculum's success in providing you opportunities to fulfill each expectation.

UNDERSTANDING OF PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS  Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO ANALYZE AND INTERPRET DATA Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor
ABILITY TO DESIGN A SYSTEM, COMPONENT, OR PROCESS TO MEET DESIRED NEEDS Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO IDENTIFY, FORMULATE, AND SOLVE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO USE THE TECHNIQUES, SKILLS, AND MODERN ENGINEERING TOOLS NECESSARY FOR ENGINEERING PRACTICE Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor
ABILITY TO FUNCTION ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN WRITING EFFECTIVELY Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE ORALLY EFFECTIVELY Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS IN A GLOBAL/SOCIETAL BASED CONTEXT ON A BROAD EDUCATION Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR, AND AN ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN LIFE-LONG LEARNING Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor	ABILITY TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE OF MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING-AT THIS POINT IN THE ENGINEERING EDUCATION PROCESS Excellent Very good Average Below average Poor

2. What is your assessment of your academic preparation as an engineer ? (Overall academic preparation, not training for specific equipment or software).

□ Exceptionally well prepared

□ Some deficiencies

□ Very well prepared

□ Very poorly prepared

□ Satisfactorily prepared

3. What is your assessment of the academic advising you received while at UW - Platteville?

- □ Exceptionally well advised
- □ Very well advised
- □ Satisfactorily advised

- □ Some deficiencies in advising
- □ Very poorly advised

4. What changes would you suggest in the advising process to better assist future graduates?

For Question 5 use the rating scale shown below:

#### A: Excellent B: Above Avg C: Average D: Below Avg F: Poor

5. Please rate the Quality of your preparation in the following Areas.
\*Note: if you mark a D or an F please make sure to comment in the area provided.

Mathematics :	A B C D*	F* []	DID NOT TAKE [ ]	
Comments:				
Chemistry:	[][][][]	[]	[]	
Comments:				
Physics:	[][][][]	[]	[]	
Comments:				
General Eng.:	[][][][]	[]	[]	
Comments:				

Co-op Experience: [][][][] [] [] [] [] []
<ul> <li>6. How well prepared were you for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam? .</li> <li>[] Well prepared [] Not well prepared [] Did not take</li> <li>Comments:</li> </ul>
7. Please note your responses to the following questions about your education. What do you view as the strengths?
What do you view as the weaknesses?
What was missing?
What could be eliminated?
8. If a close friend or relative were planning to study engineering, would you recommend UW- Platteville?

[]Yes [] No

Why or Why Not?

The following form is used for assessment by employers of graduates, co-op employers, and Sr. Design Clients.

#### ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC PREPARATION

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Thank you for completing an assessment of this student's ACADEMIC PREPARATION. We are seeking to provide continuous feedback to the faculty on the civil/environmental engineering curriculum. The information that you provide will be forwarded to the chair of civil & environmental engineering, without reference to the student or company. The goal of this evaluation is to provide feedback on curriculum issues only - NOT an individual student.

UNDERSTANDING OF PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES Excellent Very good Average Below average Very poor Did not have the opportunity to observe	ABILITY TO DESIGN AND CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS Excellent Very good Average Below average Very poor Did not have the opportunity to observe	ABILITY TO ANALYZE AND INTERPRET DATA Excellent Very good Average Below average Very poor Did not have the opportunity to observe
ABILITY TO DESIGN A SYSTEM, COMPONENT, OR PROCESS TO MEET DESIRED NEEDS Excellent Very good Average Below average Very poor Did not have the opportunity to observe	ABILITY TO IDENTIFY, FORMULATE, AND SOLVE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS Excellent Very good Average Below average Very poor Did not have the opportunity to observe	ABILITY TO USE THE TECHNIQUES, SKILLS, AND MODERN ENGINEERING TOOLS NECESSARY FOR ENGINEERING PRACTICE Excellent Very good Average Below average Very poor Did not have the opportunity to observe
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POSSESSES THE BROAD EDUCATION	RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR, AND AN	ABILITY TO APPLY
NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND THE	ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN LIFE-LONG	KNOWLEDGE OF
IMPORTANCE OF ENGINEERING	LEARNING	MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE,
SOLUTIONS IN A GLOBAL/SOCIETAL	□ Excellent	AND ENGINEERING-AT
CONTEXT	□ Very good	THIS POINT IN THE
□ Excellent	□ Average	ENGINEERING EDUCATION
Very good	□ Below average	PROCESS
□ Average	□ Very poor	□ Excellent
□ Below average	Did not have the opportunity to observe	□ Very good
Very poor		□ Average
Did not have the opportunity to observe		Below average
		Very poor
		Did not have the opportunity
		to observe

What is your assessment of the student's academic preparation for this position?

- □ Exceptionally well prepared
- □ Very well prepared
- □ Satisfactorily prepared

Does it appear that the student's academic program is oriented to the particular needs of your organization?

□ Yes □ No Comments: (Use reverse side if necessary.)

What changes would you like to see implemented in the curriculum to better prepare future students for your organization?

 $\Box$  Some deficiencies

□ Very poorly prepared