

Leveraging the Benefits of Assessment for Learning

FacDev in 5 KEY TAKEAWAYS



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Tips for using assessments for learning.

1

Use Low-Stakes, Frequent Assessments

Integrate short quizzes, case discussions, or concept checks with immediate feedback to address gaps early.

2

Make Feedback Actionable

Provide specific, timely, behavior-focused feedback. Encourage dialogue to clarify understanding and co-plan next steps.

3

Encourage Self-Assessment and Reflection

Prompt learners to reflect before receiving feedback. Use questions like “What went well?” or “What would you change?” to build ownership and metacognitive skills.

4

Align Assessment with Learning Goals

Design assessments that directly reflect the competencies and objectives being taught. This reinforces relevance and helps learners connect tasks to their growth.

5

Create a Safe Learning Environment

Normalize mistakes and questions. Frame formative assessment as a tool for growth, not judgment, to foster psychological safety.



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