



# School of Science Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Grand Rounds



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In light of the worldwide trend in higher education and the strong promotion by the University Grants Committee, all institutions in Hong Kong have started to implement OBE in their programs and courses. To bring in some overseas experience of implementing OBE and provide faculty with some more ideas on developing and assessing generic outcomes of Science students, SSCI has invited **Prof Tina L Overton**, who has been actively engaged in OBE in the field of Science and renowned for developing strategies to develop high order thinking skills of Science students, to provide a 3-day consultancy on OBE to its Departments and Faculty. The consultancy visit will consist of 3 lunch workshops and consultation meetings with individual Departments in SSCI.

## Workshops

**Date:** 7 – 9 April 2010 (Wed – Fri)  
**Time:** 12:00 – 13:30  
**Venue:** Rm 6424, Lift 25-26  
**Remarks:** Light refreshments will be provided

### Session 1: 7 Apr (Wed)

#### Developing & Assessing Generic Outcomes

Do you find it difficult to **assess student achievement of the generic outcomes, such as TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, etc, in your course?** This workshop shares with you ideas on some practical learning and teaching methods as well as assessments for the generic outcomes.

### Session 2: 8 Apr (Thur)

#### Assessing Program Learning Outcomes

Our University is now running a pilot project on **developing outcomes assessment plans**, and Schools and Departments are invited to pilot **methods for assessing the core Program Learning Outcomes**. This workshop introduces the idea of outcomes assessment. It also shares with you some assessment methods which help indicate student achievement of the Outcomes.

### Session 3: 9 Apr (Fri)

#### Learning from the OBE Experience in the UK

Our University has just started to implement OBE in the curriculum, and therefore, there may still be concerns about implementing this learning and teaching approach among faculty. This session shares with you some **actual experience of engaging faculty in the implementation and addressing faculty's concerns in universities in the UK**.

## Consultation Meetings

Prof Tina L Overton will also have consultation meetings with individual SSCI Departments on 7 and 8 April (Wed & Thur). Interested Faculty are welcome to join the discussion of issues they have encountered during the OBE development in their Departments, and Prof Overton will share her insights and discuss on strategies and approaches applicable to the situations.

For further inquiry about participation in this OBE program, please contact our School OBE Team at Ext.5756.