Mission Statement
Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities presented by our modern technical society. Rigorous classroom instruction and laboratory experiences using modern equipment and computers provide broad insight into nature and technology. We seek to provide forefront research opportunities and experiences for both undergraduate and graduate students, and to address state and national priorities in competitive research programs.

Student Learning Outcomes
Physics PhD students are expected to complete their coursework and research project in a reasonable time.

Student Performance Indicators
- Program of study identifying courses by semester defined by the student and advisor.
- Annual research report.

Assessment Method
- The graduate examining committee will review and approve the program of study.
- The Physics department graduate studies committee will review research reports and monitor student progress.

The PhD program in Physics should provide graduates with skills relevant to research and development environments in academic, National Laboratory, or industrial environments.

Student Performance Indicators
- Graduate employment

Assessment Method
- Track graduates professional careers using surveys.

Use of Results
The Director of Graduate Studies in the Physics department will direct the Graduate Studies Committee in reviewing data for all assessment plan activities. The committee will make recommendations for analysis of the data and review results. The committee will review findings and make recommendations to the department chair and the faculty for consideration. The committee will direct the development of a Program Assessment Plan, review the plan, and make agreed revisions on an annual basis.

Implementation Plan
The Physics Director of Graduate Studies will assign tasks related to data collection, review and analysis, to committee members and other selected faculty. The committee will be responsible for preparing an Annual Assessment Report and presenting a summary to the department faculty.