**September 2023**

*Please share with your faculty:*

**Revisiting the importance of formative assessment**

Now that the semester is underway, it is a good time to remember the importance of incorporating formative assessments into your courses. Formative assessmentsoccur during the instructional unit and provide ongoing feedback to students and instructors about the progression of learning. Formative assessments differ from summative assessments which occur at the end of a unit of study and provide information about the amount of information that was learned or the extent to which learning objectives were achieved.  Formative assessments enable students and instructors to monitor learning and instruction and make necessary adjustments.  The following *Faculty Focus* article “Are your assessments fair and balanced” by Martin (2023) provides tables exemplifying the differences between formative and summative assessments.

**Check out:** Martin (2023). Are your assessments fair and balanced? *Faculty Focus.* Retrieved September 2023, from <https://www.facultyfocus.com/articles/educational-assessment/are-your-assessments-fair-and-balanced/>

**Reminder:** Please contact me if you have any questions about your Fall assessment plans. Thanks very much.