

## Learning Journey Roadmap Outcome Based Education Explained

Outcome Based Education (OBE) is a student-centered teaching and learning approach that emphasizes attaining specified objectives and results through course delivery and assessment. It assesses student performance in terms of outcomes at various levels, emphasizing clarity for both teachers and students. OBE seeks to establish clear standards for students' abilities, knowledge, and attitudes. It allows students to choose their preferred methods of learning, adapts to their strengths and weaknesses, and gives them adequate time to become proficient and fluent in the subject matter.

So, how can one design for Outcome Based Education (OBE)? To understand this approach, imagine you're planning a road trip with the purpose of having a good time and making lasting memories. Consider Outcome Based Education (OBE) to be similar to planning a road trip and carefully considering how you'll get there and also enjoy. So, let's look at some of the important steps.

### **Step 1: Decide the Destination (Defining Outcomes)**

Before we plan a road trip, we decide where we want to go and what kinds of experiences we want to have; with OBE, outcomes are established first. They provide a clearer picture of what you want your students to achieve by the end of their educational journey.

### **Step 2: Plan the Route to reach destination (Curriculum to achieve outcomes)**



Planning explains the route you'll take to arrive at your destination. In OBE, designing the curriculum is similar to Planning the route. The curriculum should focus on several facets of learning. One such facet is pedagogies. Different

pedagogies (teaching methods) are analogous to different types of vehicles; some may be better suited to particular terrains. Similarly, in education, choosing appropriate pedagogies improves the learning experience, allows students to understand the learning material more effectively and also enjoy the learning journey.

### **Step 3: Checkpoints (Assessment)**

Along the road trip, you have checkpoints to ensure you're on the right track. In education, assessments serve as checkpoints. They allow you to see if students are making progress toward the learning outcomes. It is not sufficient to reach the destination; students must also learn and grow along the way. This learning should be visible.

### **Step 4: Adaptability (Feedback and Improvement)**

During the road trip, you might encounter unexpected road closures or detours. Similarly, in education, feedback and improvement are crucial. If assessments show that students are struggling, adjustments can be made to both the pedagogies and assessment strategies used to support their learning.

### **Step 5: Enjoying the Journey (Engagement and Learning Experience)**

The road trip isn't just about reaching the destination; it's also about enjoying the journey. In OBE, this translates to creating engaging and meaningful learning experiences for students, which includes choosing pedagogies that resonate with their learning styles and needs.

So, Outcome Based Education involves defining clear and attainable learning outcomes, planning a thoughtful curriculum with appropriate pedagogies, decide on appropriate assessment strategies and tools, adapting based on feedback, and ensuring an enjoyable journey with engaging learning experiences for students.

