What is “Closing the Loop”? 

The term “close the loop” refers to completing the CSLO cycle as shown in the diagram from the YC CSLO handbook.

![Diagram of the CSLO cycle]

Below is an excerpt from the YC CSLO Handbook that explains how to “Close the Loop”

**How often do we need to analyze assessment data and create an action plan (close the loop)?**

Each semester faculty need to “close the loop” on at least one outcome. Ideally, we use the data to notice which outcomes seem difficult for students to master. We can use the data to help us choose an outcome to closely analyze. The goal is to improve teaching/learning and increase student learning. It may take several semesters of focus on one outcome to notice improvement.

1. Choose an outcome to analyze closely
2. Analyze and discuss the assessment data
3. Analyze and discuss teaching and learning around the outcome
4. Create and implement an action plan for improvement of teaching and learning
5. Assess the outcome again, analyze and discuss data, and create a new action plan, if needed