

Assessment of Student Learning Newsletter

January/February 2020

BREAKING NEWS!

As of January 2020, PCC is the new home of the Colorado Regional Assessment Council (CoRAC). CoRAC is comprised of assessment staff from student affairs, academic affairs, IR, and other support offices including faculty, chairs, deans, and staff in all 2-year and 4-year, public and private institutions in the state of Colorado, and is free and open to all who are interested in both formative and summative assessment. Our next event is the annual conference:

2020 CoRAC Conference: Save the Date & Call for Proposals

Mile High Impact: How Assessment Impacts Higher Education in Colorado Friday, April 10, 2020 | Red Rocks Community College

Seeking proposals which demonstrate use of the assessment cycle to improve student learning or drive institutional initiatives. Each proposal should state the impact of assessment on higher education in Colorado.

<u>Click here</u> for to learn more, register, or submit a proposal! (Deadline: 2/28)

Improvement Plans

Spring semester represents the most important phase of the annual assessment cycle: Improvement Planning. It's a time for reflection (how have our students been doing over the past year?), discussion (what skills do they seem to be struggling with?), and planning for the future (what can we do to help them learn even better?) It's what "closing the loop" means! In preparation for Improvement Planning, all 2019 data (spring, summer, and fall) must be entered into eLumen by January 31st at the latest!

2019 Initial Results

Based on the data collected thus far, student achievement of PCC's core Institutional Learning Outcomes increased overall in 2019, with impressive performance on Effective Communication in particular. This is great news, seeing as Communication has historically been the most underperforming area!

| <u>ISLO</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1: Critical Thinking | 69.29% | 68.11% | -1.18% |
| 2: Communication | 64.14% | 77.29% | +13.2% |
| 3: Quant. Reasoning | 77.68% | 78.51% | +0.83% |
| 4: Literacy | 69.44% | 69.18% | -0.26% |
| 5: Professionalism | 76.46% | 77.29% | +0.83% |
| All ISLOs | 70.53% | 73.21% | +2.68% |

Resources & Opportunities

Assessment @PCC Blog: PCCassess.com (rubrics, glossary, eLumen guides)
Timeline & Support: Semesterly Task Checklist, Support Request Form
ASL Committee Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays 3:30-5:00 (contact for location)
Assessment Office Hours: Tu/Th 1-3 PM & by appointment (AB 250W/WebEx)

"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning"

- Benjamin Franklin

Improvement Plans Due 2/28

Each department is responsible for submitting an annual Improvement Plan via eLumen, and you will be given this month's division meeting time to review your 2019 results and develop a plan for improving student learning in 2020.

Resources:

Improvement Plan Template
2018 Improvement Plans
Chair Training (video)

Contact Information

We are here to support YOU!!!

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