ASSESSMENT NEWS & TIPS

Pueblo Community College

Assessment of Student Learning Newsletter **July/August 2023**

Assessment Showcase: Now Accepting Poster Submissions!

We want to celebrate the amazing work you all are doing by giving each of you an opportunity to highlight an assessment project that you are proud of or that you found to be especially helpful in improving student learning!

Example Posters: This is your chance to have a professional poster created for your area, and **you get to keep it!** Take a look at the final posters from the last Assessment Showcase to see just how impressive they are!

Goal: Our goal is to have **at least one poster from each academic department**, and **student services** and **academic support** offices are also welcome and encouraged to submit posters on recent accomplishments, too!

Submission: Share some brief information about an assessment activity or project you've been working on using this simple submission form, including results and any graphics you want to include.

Timeline: Submissions will be accepted through **November 2023** so that posters can be produced in time to be displayed at our Spring 2024 Kickoff

Questions: If you have any questions or would like more information about the Assessment Showcase initiative, contact Liz Medendorp or Amanda Mayes!

2022 Annual Assessment Report—Overview & Key Findings

If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out the 2022 Annual Assessment Report, especially the Brief Overview handout. Key findings include:

- From 2021 to 2022, we saw the largest increase in part-time instructor **participation (+12.3%)** in assessment ever, up to 38.5%! Overall participation is still at 51.4%—let's shoot for 100% this year!
- Student **performance** met (or very nearly met, within 0.1%) our target of 70% accomplished or exemplary on all 6 of our Institutional Student Learning Outcomes!! This is a huge success!
- We are still seeing small **sample sizes** for Quantitative Reasoning and our new Social Consciousness ISLO—we should try to assess these skills more this year.
- **2023 Goal:** Increasing the minimum expectation for participation in assessment (1 per semester)—watch for invitations to provide input and share your thoughts and recommendations on what the new expectations should be!

New Simplified Course-Level Rubrics—Summer Pilot

Summer instructors were invited to participate in a pilot assessment project, which involved using a simplified course-level rubric to assess students directly on just the specific learning outcomes for the course (as listed on the syllabus), or CSLOs, on this simple scale: **Exceeds Outcome, Meets Outcome, Partially Meets Outcome, and Does Not Meet Outcome.**

Initial feedback from instructors who participated is **overwhelmingly positive**, citing how it was easier and quicker to assess students on these familiar outcomes. CSLO Rubrics are now available for all courses in eLumen if you'd like to give them a try this semester in your own classes for your fall 2023 assessment!

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 WebEx link)
Assessment Office Hours: M/W 1:00-3:00 & by appointment (AB 250W/WebEx)

A Message from the Chair

Happy fall ya'll! Welcome back to another academic year and for those that are new to PCC! The PCC assessment team and I are excited to begin another year of helping you to achieve your student assessment goals. Please be on the look out for workshops and opportunities to help in your endeavors. Here's to a great year!

~Amanda Mayes

New eLumen Features!
Inbox View & Search Function

Inbox: The new eLumen landing page will bring you to your "Inbox," which includes all past and upcoming assessments you may have assigned. If you prefer the old view, don't worry! The "Courses" tab is still your "home base" and will take you back to the familiar view.

Search Function: Whenever you view the Assessment Library, including from the "Find Assessment" button on your courses, there is now a search bar available for you to type in a course number, rubric name, or even the term you last used the rubric you are looking for!

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We are here to support YOU!!!

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