

**Welcome to Valencia.** Valencia's Institutional Assessment (VIA) office is located in the District Office building near the West campus. Our college-wide assessment activities follow an annual cycle that begins in August (see the graphic which follows). Whether or not you are directly involved, the learning assessment activities have an impact on course development, faculty development, and the ways that we improve teaching and learning at the college. Collectively we work to understand and to document student learning and skill development through assessment. Faculty members hold discussions and make decisions based on their findings alongside other sources of information, like the Student Feedback on Instruction (the SFI – our course evaluation survey) and the results from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (the CCSSE – which students take every two years).

**We can also help you** as you design surveys (using the Qualtrics tool). We collaborate with programs in order to gather focus group and interview data with related analysis and report. Our colleagues in the Institutional Research office also support learning assessment as they provide data gathered over time related to grades, enrollment, student persistence, and graduation or transfer. Within the annual assessment cycle faculty members then create and implement improvement plans. They regularly document the impact of this work on student learning and success. Faculty members lead the work as Learning Outcomes Leaders (LOLs) in partnership with their deans across the campuses.



