

End of the Academic Year 2012-2013 – End of This Cycle Results & Improvement Plan for Next Year

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Academic Program / Discipline Area (for General Education) or Co-Curricular Program Area: Civil/Surveying Engineering Technology (CSET)				
Planning Team Leader(s)¹	Campus	E-mail Address	Phone Extension	Mail Code
Please note, with respect to the designation of Planning Team Leaders: The Planning Team came to a consensus that Planning Team Leaders should include representation from each of the three major campuses (East, Osceola, and West). Those selected, or volunteering, for the role of Planning Team Leader are to be a non-tenure track full time faculty members (tenured or four-month). It was the determination of the Planning Team that tenure-track faculty should be encouraged to concentrate on the completion of their ILP.				
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Planning Team Members²	Campus	E-mail Address	Phone Extension	Mail Code
The Planning Team came to the consensus that all tenured, tenure-track, and full-time four-month faculty are considered members of the planning team. As the work being conducted for these Assessment Plans impacts all tenured and tenure-track faculty, they all should play an active role in the work being conducted.				
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¹ Planning Team Leaders assume the responsibility for coordinating activities associated with the expectations for the design, approval and implementation of Assessment Plans.

² Planning Team membership, whenever possible, should reflect the *Principles for selection of members for assessment plan work teams*. For faculty teams the principles include: College-wide representation where possible; Full-time faculty from the respective program / discipline (tenured, tenure track, and non-tenure earning 4 / 8 / 10 month faculty); Adjunct faculty when an adequate number of full-time faculty do not teach in the program / discipline; Faculty from both disciplines or programs when an outcome is assessed in two programs or a program other than the primary discipline. For plans developed in Student Affairs planning teams should include the following: College-wide representation where possible; Staff from the targeted program area; Part-time Student Affairs professionals when an adequate number of full-time staff do not work in the targeted program area; Faculty / staff from other program / discipline areas working on the same or similar outcomes; Students representation when possible.

Please fill in the blue shaded areas with brief sentences. A second page is provided for longer comments.

Documenting the Assessment Process

1. In a sentence or two, what did you do and who was responsible for coordinating the collection of student artifacts / data?

During Fall 2012, adjunct Frank Fountain taught SUR2460 Subdivisions, which serves as the capstone course for the CSET Program. Students complete a final project to solve the complex issues involved in designing a subdivision using Civil3D software. They are assessed on the feasibility of their design and documentation. Final project binders and computer files are collected by the professor at the completion of the course.

2. At what point in the academic year / semester were the student artifacts / data collected? How many students were assessed?

Since this class is offered only once per year, there were 8 completers of the course. Artifacts were collected at the end of the Final Project Presentation the last week of classes in December, and stored in cabinets in room 9-204.

Improvement Plan and Use of the Assessment Results – Next Year’s Cycle

3. What were your results? (Please e-mail the data and copies of instruments when you submit this form if possible, for example rubric scores in an Excel sheet.) How did this compare with any predictions that you made in the Fall?

The results indicated each individual completed the final project satisfactorily, exhibiting at least the minimum degree of competence and professionalism that we expect from graduates of this program. This compared favorably with the predicted behaviors and expected results.

4. What are the changes / improvements you plan to make within the curriculum (targeted courses), co-curricular program, or student activity over the next year? (Please use the following page if you need more space for your response.)

The design project evaluation was not included with the results, which was an oversight. We will continue to work to find a reasonable format which can be readily understood by both evaluators and students, while providing informative and fair assessment of performance.

5. What changes, if any, will be made to the common course outlines, the catalog, etc.

None are required.

Next Steps – Planning for Next Year’s Cycle— Academic Year 2013-2014 (see below for detailed planning)

6. What are your next steps – acting on the results? (These steps will guide others in the next cycle... moving the process forward.) If these steps include the development and implementation of a new assessment, include that information here. If you plan to change the current assessment or the program learning outcome that you focus on, you will want to do that here.

Professor Ray will continue to work with the Instructor, and help him develop/refine the evaluation before Spring semester 2014 when this class is offered again.

Please include the name of the person completing this page and your program:

Andrew Ray, Program Chair

Additional Space for Comments Reporting on Prior Year (if needed)

3) *If you have additional comments for the following question, please share them here:* What were your results?

4) *If you have additional comments for the following question, please share them here:* What are the changes / improvements you plan to make within the curriculum (targeted courses), co-curricular program, or student over the next year?

6) *If you have additional comments for the following question, please share them here:* What are your next steps – acting on the results? If these steps include the development and implementation of a new assessment, include that information here. If you plan to change the current assessment or the program learning outcome that you focus on, you will want to do that here.

Planning for AY 2013-2014 Learning Outcomes and Performance Indicators

Complete only the sections that apply to your work.

Academic Program / Discipline Area (for General Education) or Co-Curricular Program Area: Civil/Surveying Engineering Technology	
Targeted Program Learning Outcome(s) (How many will you be assessing this coming year?): #5 - Perform the basic concepts of highway design and subdivision design. Inherent skills embedded in PLO's of all courses in this program: #3 Demonstrate fundamental knowledge of the systems and processes used to construct the built environment.	Targeted Course(s), Co-Curricular Program or Student Activity associated with the Academic Program: SUR2460 Subdivisions (capstone course) Targeted Outcome(s) within the Course(s), Co-Curricular Program or Student Activity identified above: #2 Design projects using visualization and current industry methods.
Performance Indicators for the Program Learning Outcome(s) selected: Evaluation of final design project using assessment tool; integration of advanced Civil3D instruction and usage.	Performance Indicators for Outcome(s) within the Course(s), Co-Curricular Program or Student Activity selected: One criteria of the final design project assessment evaluation
External Standard(s) in the field or discipline (please contact Laura Blasi lblasi@valenciacollege.edu with any questions about this): Investigating Civil3D certification requirements	
Common Assessment (What assessment method (written assignment, speech, test, etc.) will you use to assess student ability related to the program / course outcome(s) selected): Final Design Project in capstone course SUR2460 Subdivisions	
Description of the Proposed Common Assessment (Common assessments should be designed to ensure a balance between (1) the need for a consistency within the program in order to ensure comparable student artifacts and (2) the need for reasonable flexibility in order to encourage faculty judgment in the design and delivery of learning activities): Students are given a plat map of a sample property, with boundary and topographic data. Using this site, they must designate individual lots, streets and curbs, underground storm drainage lines feeding retention ponds, and provide adequate neighborhood amenities, while maximizing sellable land. Final presentation is summarized in drawing files and design data, and documented in a binder and on a flashdrive.	
Proposed Assessment Instrument (In some cases the assessment method may not need an associated assessment instrument – e.g., multiple choice tests): Projects are evaluated using a qualitative evaluation	

Implementation Process

Collection of Student Artifacts

What information needs to be communicated to students concerning the assessment process (informed consent, etc.)?
The nature of the evaluation used and the criteria on which their final grade will be based

How will student artifacts or data associated with student performance be collected?
Final project binders and flashdrives with associated computer files are collected after completion of the final presentation

If student artifacts are to be collected based on a random sample of students registered for the course or participating in the program / activity, what characteristics should the sample include?
All projects are collected

How will information about faculty / staff participation in the assessment project be communicated?
Via email when required

Who will be responsible for coordinating the collection of student artifacts?
Instructor and Program Chair

At what point in the academic year / semester will the student artifacts be collected?
At the completion of Spring semester, just prior to Assessment day

Program Level Assessment / Evaluation of Student Artifacts and Analysis of Results

When will student artifacts be assessed / evaluated?

During Assessment Day, May 2014

Which faculty or staff from the program/discipline will evaluate student artifacts?

Andrew Ray, Irma Berner, Sandra Bowling, interested adjuncts (if available)

What training / preparation / information will faculty or staff need in order adequately assess / evaluate the student artifacts collected?

Review each program for sequence of courses, PLO's, and overview of final project format

When will the results / data associated with the assessment plan be analyzed?

During Assessment Day, May 2014

What are your predictions regarding student performance? (What do you expect to see when you analyze your results?)

We predict that the majority of students will perform adequately and achieve at least a minimum level of competency in industry required skills. It is hoped that a revised Rubric will improve the evaluation process.

What training / preparation / information will faculty or staff need in order to analyze the results data associated with this assessment plan?

Summary of performance on similar capstone courses with final projects

What additional sources of data might allow faculty / staff to better understand and act on the results of this assessment plan?

Compare with other AS programs at Valencia and similar programs nationally; to our knowledge, no other 2 year programs in Surveying exist in Florida.

In order to ensure curricular and programmatic alignment, who else should be included in this conversation (e.g., faculty from related discipline areas in General Education)?

A web-based or Blackboard shell could open this up college-wide

How will the assessment results be disseminated to stakeholders (Faculty, Staff, Advisory Boards, etc.)?
Email or published in the Division newsletter

Approval Process

Activities Associated with the Approval of Assessment Plans	Completion Date	Person Responsible	Results
Draft assessment plan is circulated for input to reviewers appropriate to the program / discipline (including Deans / Directors responsible for supporting and promoting the work necessary for the implementation of the Assessment Plan)		Andrew Ray	
College-wide live or e-mail / Blackboard discussion will be coordinated to consider input received (if needed)		Andrew Ray	
Draft assessment plan is revised to reflect input		Andrew Ray	

Faculty vote on the Assessment Plan using the Current voter eligibility list for curriculum (http://valenciacollege.edu/faculty/forms/voterlists/)			

Dean / Director Support

The Dean(s) responsible for supporting and promoting the work necessary for the implementation of the Assessment Plan need to indicate their support for the plan. Please copy and paste in E-mail approval (as applies) at the end of the document and then send the form complete to us or obtain, scan, and send handwritten signatures and then send.

Dean / Director East / Winter Park Campus	Signature
Dean / Director Osceola / Lake Nona Campus	Signature
Dean / Director West Campus	Signature

