

### Peralta Community Colleges. Environments of effective learning and innovation.

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# Reflection and Question I

Sharing in small groups and with each other, what were some examples of successful student learning that took place during Fall 2011 in your departments/disciplines and colleges?

# Reflection and Question 2

Focusing on those successful student learning stories and sharing with each other, how do you know that these were examples of success?

## Guidelines

- What were some common themes, threads or highlights of your table dialogue?
- How did the members of your group define success?

# Reflection and Question 3

What could you and your colleagues do to expand and improve on those successes so that more students throughout the Peralta Community Colleges can benefit?

# **Reflection and Question 4**

Given the realization that we achieve proficiency through widespread participation, how is or could this responsibility be shared at your college?

## **ACCJC Requirements Program Review and Planning**

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has clearly stated its expectation that colleges be at the "Continuous Sustainable Quality Improvement" level for Program Review and Planning on rubrics that the ACCJC has provided.

## ACCJC Requirements Student Learning Outcomes

In addition, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has clearly stated its expectation that colleges be at the "Proficiency" level for Student Learning Outcomes on a rubric that the ACCJC has provided.

## **SLOA Proficiency Level** Fall 2012

ACCJC expects colleges to be at the "Proficiency" level for student learning outcomes (SLOs) and assessment by the end of fall 2012.

How does "Proficiency" look according to the ACCJC Rubric?

## **Proficiency Rubric for SLOs**

The Revised ACCJC Rubric covers 7 essential areas

- Outcomes and authentic assessment
- Widespread institutional dialogue
- Integrated decision-making
- Resources allocation
- > Reporting
- > Alignment
- Student awareness

## **Proficiency Level for SLOs** ACCJC – The Revised Rubric (6/24/11)

- Student learning **outcomes** and **authentic assessment** are in place for courses, programs and degrees.
- There is widespread institutional **dialogue** about the results *of assessment and identification of gaps*.
- **Decision-making** includes **dialogue** on the results of assessment and is purposefully directed toward **aligning** *institution-wide practices to support and improve* student learning.
- Appropriate **resources** continue to be allocated and fine-tuned.
- Comprehensive assessment **reports** exist and are completed *and updated* on a regular basis.
- Course student learning outcomes are **aligned** with degree student learning outcomes.
- Students demonstrate **awareness** of goals and purposes of courses and programs in which they are enrolled.

### **Assessment Dimensions**

Three dimensions with different areas of focus:

- Institutional assessment (ILOs)
- Curricular and program assessment (PLOs)
- Course and learner-centered assessments (SLOs)

## **Institutional Assessment Cycle**



### **SLO Assessment Cycle**





Establish Student Learning Outcomes and Goals





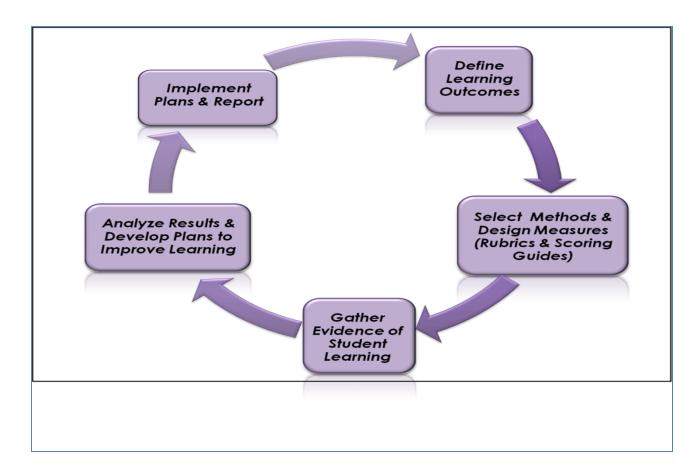
Assess Student Learning



Provide Learning Opportunities

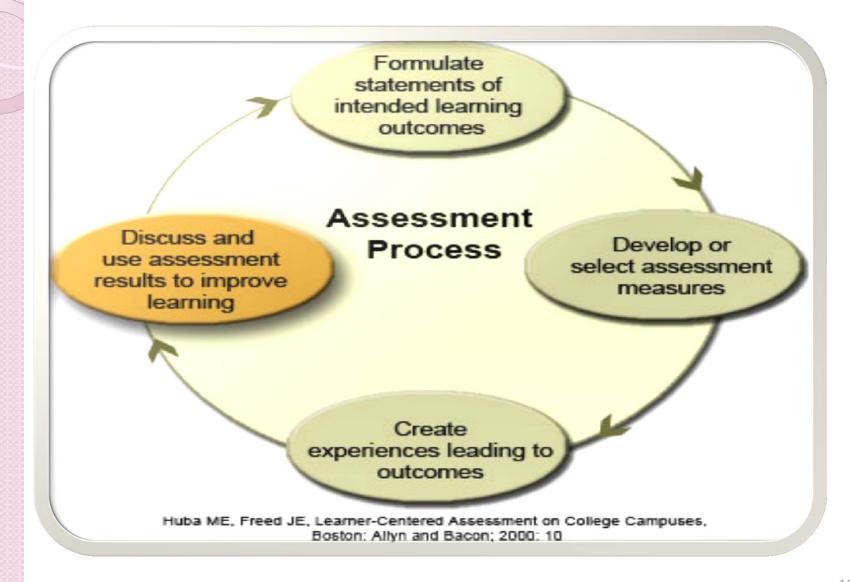
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#### CLOSING THE ASSESSMENT LOOP: THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS FROM OUTCOMES TO QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



James O. Nichols and Karen W. Nichols: A ROAD MAP FOR IMPROVEMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES THROUGH ASSESSMENT

#### **Learner Centered Assessment**



### **A Holistic Approach to Assessment**

- *Develop* comprehensive and measurable outcomes in teaching, learning, and services through an approach that is easy to understand and practical to implement
- *Measure and support* student learning and services
- *Link* annual administrative and academic planning to our mission and strategic goals
- *Build* a culture of continuous improvement
- *Align* efforts in assessment between the District office and each college

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