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Spotlight on **Assessment**

Congratulations to our Winners!



*Patty Titus, Jane Zaccardi, David Luoma, Ginny Radom
(Connie Reischman not pictured)*

"To ensure that our students are prepared to meet the challenges of the future, we are committed to continuous program improvement."

This attitude is the defining feature of the team that will receive the Excellence in Outcomes Assessment award for 2013-14. The department's project looked at the students' ability to collaborate respectfully and was part of an emphasis on professionalism. Key components of the project included curriculum mapping to identify objectives specific to their project, a qualitative survey, and a faculty-designed rubric to evaluate aspects of professionalism during clinical practicum and simulation experiences.

The most crucial component of the assessment work involved the changes that the project brought to the practical nursing curriculum. Many changes resulted from the data gathered. These included the use of behavioral objectives regarding professionalism incorporated into simulation experiences for the students, as well as, curriculum changes with courses being both added and deleted to strengthen program content. In addition, students completed strengths assessment evaluations and workshops in collaboration with Career Counseling.

Faculty in the program have noted an increased growth in the understanding of concepts pertaining to professionalism and collaboration among the students in simulation experiences, lab activities and group work. In addition, students were involved in mentorship activities with faculty and collaboration with staff nurses at clinical sites.

The team will be recognized for its accomplishments at the BNSF Awards Luncheon on May 2.



Plan Now for World Café X – Get Your Table Reservations In

August 15, 12:30-2:30 pm • Regnier Center 101

Keep your assessment plans on track, start a new plan, work on data analysis, or work on your General Education assessment tool. All these are possible at the World Café. **Call the office now to reserve a table for fall (ext. 7607).**

- In addition to the table reservation, each person will need to individually register
- Tables can accommodate eight to 10 people

Registration is required for the World Café.

- Log on to MyJCCC
- Click on EASI and Student and Financial Aid
- Click on Enrollment
- Click on Add or Drop Classes
- Select a term (Staff Dev 2014-15) and submit
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen and enter CRN 34001 then Submit Changes

2013-14 Mini-Grant Awardees

Recipient	Department	Mini-Grant Name	Project	Amount
Luz Alvarez	Foreign Language	Evaluation rubrics for the embedded question on final exam for Elementary French I and Elementary Spanish I	Series of retreats for faculty in Foreign Language to finalize department rubric	\$300
Kay King	ADMJ	Registration for the RCCAC at Metropolitan Community College	Attend annual Regional Community College Assessment Conference	\$75
Larry Thomas	Fine Arts & Photography	Faculty Retreat for Outcomes Assessment	Retreat to discuss launching a pilot SLO Assessment Project	\$460
Anna Page, Jerry Marellus, Kim Criner	Hospitality Management & Sustainability	Registration for the RCCAC at Metropolitan Community College	Attended annual Regional Community College Assessment Conference	\$225
Ana Page		General Education Assessment Nutrition Class Retreat	Refinement of general education assessment instrument	\$50
Barbara Millard	Entrepreneurship	Incorporating SLO into Online Learning in the Entrepreneurship Program	Attend the eLearning Conference in February 2014	\$750
Allison Smith	Art History	Faculty retreat for Outcomes Assessment	Retreat to discuss current rubric for evaluating student research papers	\$245
Carol Smith, Lisa Friedrichsen	CPCA	Microsoft Office Specialist Assessment Test Vouchers	Purchase test vouchers for students to take a practice MOS test	\$729
Corbin Crable, Molly Baumgardner	Journalism & Mass Media	Measuring competency of grammar and usage in pre- and post-testing for JCCC Journalism Students	A series of retreats to review pre- and post-test data	\$420
Sheri Barrett	Outcomes Assessment	Assessment and the Higher Learning Commission – New Criteria and its impact on Assessment Practices	Attend annual HLC conference and participate in assessment workshops	\$400
		Assessment More than Numbers	Present at National AIR Meeting, May 2014 in Orlando, FL	\$750

A Note from the Director

Summer is a great time to make plans for the fall. If you are on campus drop by the Office of Outcomes Assessment and review all the resources available to plan, implement and execute your assessment plan for the new semester.

Hoping to see you this summer!

– Sheri

Quote of the Month

“Indirect strategies for assessing student learning can supplement and enrich what faculty learn from direct assessment studies. Indirect strategies, such as surveys, can ask students to report how well they have met program objectives. Their perceptions, regardless of their accuracy are important.”

Assessing Academic Programs in Higher Education, Mary J. Allen.

Check out this book today at the OOA resource library in GEB 262.

Sign up now for the Summer Assessment Seminar!



Participants will leave this workshop with:

- A fully formed assessment question,
- An assessment plan ready to implement in their classroom/ program/ department,
- A focused assessment instrument to measure student learning outcomes,
- A certificate of Faculty Development on Assessment.

The workshop is free to JCCC faculty and will include course materials, beverage and snack breaks, and lunch. But registration is necessary.

First Offering – July 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; RC 101 A and B; CRN: 34002

Second Offering – Aug. 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; RC 101 A and B; CRN: 34003