

ASSESSMENT SPRING 2002

“Do assessment for improvement; nothing else matters.”

Northwestern Michigan College

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To: All Faculty

From: The College-Wide Assessment Team (C-WAT)

Subject: General Education Assessment, what else?

A great big **THANK YOU** to the 27 faculty who provided artifacts/student work this year for the General Education assessment process. Those artifacts will be scored at the end of this semester and the resulting data given to you during opening conference in the fall.

Please thank the contributors when you see them. Their names are listed on the reverse side of this newsletter.

You asked for it.

Last fall so much helpful comment came from the professional development day rubric and assignment-writing activities that it has taken the assessment team this long to fulfill your requests.

Rubrics

The Rubric Teams have revised and simplified the scoring rubrics for all three outcomes. They are included in this packet. **(ITEMS 1-3)** These rubrics must remain constant once they are used this spring for scoring. Our accreditation agency (NCA) requires at least three sets of comparable data for our monitoring report in December 2003.

Rubric Teams

We think the Rubric Teams deserve a great deal of credit for the work they have done on these rubrics. Please let them know you appreciate their work. Their names are listed on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Once more . . .

We're asking you to select the outcomes for which you can provide artifacts. We said we wouldn't do it but the rubrics have changed significantly and we feel it is important for you to study the rubric, make changes, and send the enclosed form **(ITEM 4)** to Marilyn Jaquish in the Business area by Wednesday, May 1. **IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES to make, don't send in the form.**

Next fall's lottery winners will be based on current choices unless you decide to change your selected outcomes. We encourage you to select all of those outcomes that you feel could be evidenced in your courses, based on the current content. Your Office Manager or Academic Chair has the complete listing of courses and outcomes selected.

If you don't have an assignment or other assessment of the outcome, the Assessment Team members and the Instructional Design office are very willing to help you develop assignments,

tests, projects, etc. Please call Marilyn Jaquish at 995-1160. She can help you get started. The materials in this packet can also be very helpful. Please look them over carefully. They are described on the reverse side of this newsletter.

**Lottery winners (faculty providing artifacts)
for Fall 2002 will be announced yet this spring.**

The 27 faculty who will be providing artifacts next fall will be notified and announced this spring. We hope this will make it easier for faculty to plan their assignments that relate specifically to General Education assessment.

You'll find several helpful aides in this packet.

Many of you wanted help in developing assignments for the outcomes you have selected. Enclosed here are three models (**ITEMS 5-7**) for assignments that fit specific course content and also meet the criteria for General Education artifacts. Use the models in whatever manner they are useful to you. Of course you will want to tailor the content to fit your courses. These models were created by Sallie Donovan, Health Occupations; Ann George, Communications; and Terry Sievert, Technical. Lauren Keinath, Instructional Design, worked with them also.

Two other items(**ITEMS 8-9**)—a list of words that may be useful in forming questions for specific outcomes and a more generic sample assignment for assessing critical thinking—are included here also.

We have attempted to provide you with the support you asked for last October. The assessment team will continue to work with you and other campus groups to meet faculty needs as we all learn more about assessment and the improvement of student learning.

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