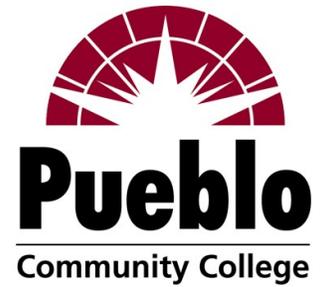




# ASSESSMENT NEWS & TIPS



Assessment of Student Learning Newsletter

“KEEP IT SIMPLE!” EDITION

July/August 2020

## Welcome Back!

We hope that you are all settling into the fall semester—and what a unique one it will be! **If you have data from Spring 2020 and have not yet entered it into eLumen, there's still time!** Simply select the term from the drop-down menu on the “Courses” tab to navigate to a previous semester. Even with (or even because of) all the changes we have faced over the past 6 months, assessment is still an essential part of what we do here at PCC, especially for improving the teaching and learning experience, so this data is invaluable!

## Tips for Fall 2020 Assessment

**Keep It Simple:** Keep doing what you're doing, if possible. Continue to assess the SLOs that you've used in Spring 2020 so that you can report data for all of 2020. If you are unable to assess your SLOs due to changes brought on by Covid-19, don't worry about creating a new assessment, but discuss with your Chair what alternative rubrics or assignments might be easiest for you to assess. Partial data for the year is better than none at all.

**Focus on What Matters: Teaching and learning.** This is our prime directive, and no matter the changes to education right now, our students are our priority and where your focus should be. Don't worry about reinventing the wheel—focus instead on assessing what matters most in the simplest, most direct way.

**Make the Most of the Opportunity to Assess Virtual Learning:** Find opportunities to assess students' literacy skills, critical thinking, and professional behaviors—*consider especially how technological literacy, problem solving, and professional communication are important factors in remote learning!*

**Efficacy of PCCFlex:** The pandemic has dramatically changed, in many ways, the methods we use to teach. You may be wondering just how effective PCCFlex is. So are we! The Assessment Committee is creating an institutional assessment to measure this effectiveness. Because it will work better for some classes than others, we will identify courses in which this data will be beneficial to the college and contact you about assessing PCCFlex later this semester. This is important data, so please report it, even if you cannot report other data!

## Important Dates

**9/2:** Census Date—Fall 2020 have now been loaded into eLumen!

**September:** eLumen Virtual Workshops (see schedule to the right)

**October:** Communicate with Department Chairs to discuss what your assessment will be this semester—Chairs send rubrics accordingly in eLumen

**November/December:** Conduct your assessment in at least 1 class

**12/14:** Grading Deadline—Assessment scores due for submission in eLumen

## Resources & Opportunities

Assessment @PCC Blog: [PCCAssess.com](http://PCCAssess.com) ([rubrics](#), [glossary](#), [eLumen guides](#))

Timeline & Support: [Semesterly Task Checklist](#), [Support Request Form](#)

ASL Committee Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays 3:30-5:00 (contact for WebEx link)

Assessment Office Hours: Tu/Th 1:00-3:00 & by appointment ([WebEx](#))

*“The bottom line is this: The disruptions caused by COVID-19 are an opportunity for improvement. ... [Assessment during the] pandemic must **prioritize** the most important learning outcomes while **adapting** to the realities of our situation. Focus on what you and your closest colleagues determine to be most important to understand about student learning and educational quality. Ask students about their experience and invite them to reflect on what they learned. A thoughtfully reoriented assessment should serve these purposes.”*  
~Kinzie, [Assessment Update \(32.4\)](#)

## Upcoming Virtual Workshops

Haven't completed eLumen Basic Training yet, or just could use a refresher? Virtual workshops will be held via WebEx on the following dates—**please register** using the links below!

- [Thursday 9/10 1:00pm](#)
- [Friday 9/11 11:00am](#)
- [Tuesday 9/15 11:00am](#)
- [Wednesday 9/16 1:00pm](#)

## Contact Information

**We are here to support YOU!!!**

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