



# ASSESSMENT NEWS & TIPS



Assessment of Student Learning Newsletter

January/February 2021

## Improvement Plans—Due 2/28

Spring semester represents the most important phase of the annual assessment cycle: Improvement Planning. It's a time for reflection (how have our students been doing over the past year?), discussion (what skills do they seem to be struggling with?), and planning for the future (what can we do to help them learn even better?) *It's what "closing the loop" means!*

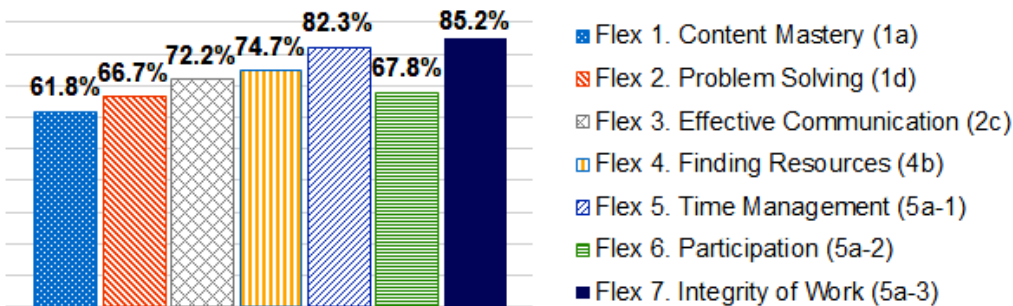
Each department is responsible for submitting an annual Improvement Plan via eLumen, and you will be given this month's division meeting time to review your 2020 results and develop a plan for improving student learning in 2021.

In preparation for Improvement Planning, **all 2020 data (spring, summer, and fall) must be entered into eLumen by January 31st** at the latest!

## PCC Flex Self-Assessment—Initial Results

Last semester, we piloted a new institution-wide assessment specifically designed to evaluate student learning in the PCC Flex format.

Approximately 235 students completed the self-assessment, and in general, they rated their performance in PCC Flex classes fairly well, reaching our performance target of 70% on 4 of the 7 learning outcomes assessed. Here's a break-down of how our students scored themselves on each learning outcome:



In addition, when asked to compare their performance in PCC Flex classes with past learning experiences at PCC in other formats, students generally felt they performed the same *or better* in most areas, especially Integrity of Work and Finding Resources, whereas they felt Content Mastery was more difficult.

We will be conducting the PCC Flex Self-Assessment again this spring, and we strongly encourage anyone teaching in this format to participate. It is easy to implement and administer—stay tuned for more details on how to do so!

## Resources & Opportunities

Assessment @PCC Blog: [PCCassessment.com](https://pccassessment.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 (AB 250-I/[WebEx](#))

## From the Chair: Welcome Back!

Same pandemic, different year. With the vaccine and falling cases giving us hope that normality can return in the near future, it's tempting to put aside responsibilities that seem superfluous during this crisis. Assessment of Student Learning is not one of those, being critical to PCC's mission. This newsletter reminds us that we must persevere, for students' sake.

## How to Enter Data for Previous Semesters in eLumen

Annual Improvement Plans cover a calendar year cycle, which means you will want to ensure that data for all of 2020 (spring, summer, and fall) is entered before February.

To navigate between semesters in eLumen, first make sure you have the correct "program" selected (next to your "Faculty" role at the top left).

Then, use the "Term" drop-down menu embedded in the "Courses" tab to select the desired semester.

## Contact Information

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

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