

### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PULASKI TECH

### Assessment Report: 2021-2021 Due to Chair/Program Director and

Assessment Coordinator by

September 4th





### **Course-Level Learning Outcomes**

#### 1. What are the Course-Level Outcomes (CLOs)?

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# 2. Which CLOs were addressed for this academic year? (2020-2021)

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## 3. Which CLOs are being addressed in your assessment plan next academic year? (2021-2022)

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#### 4. Explain the assessment cycle.

Instructors will collaborate on assignment and grading rubric before the assignment. After the assignment is graded, instructors will meet to discuss the results of the assignment. Instructors will conduct a survey and potentially make adjustments to the assignment based on the results of the findings.

### 5. What are the assessment methods? Are they direct or indirect?

Direct.

Students will submit an essay based on cumulative knowledge of the course.

#### 6. What are the assessment goal(s)?

75% of students will score a "C" or higher on the assignment.

#### 7. What were the findings for this academic year? (2020-2021)

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#### 8. What is your analysis of the findings?

Faculty determined that the best course of action was to decrease the points lost with days missed.

We changed the assignment to an essay that required the students to think critically about what they learned during the semester. Overall the assessment data indicated that students post-pandemic have easier access to the internet which has helped them complete assignments on time. We didn't feel that it was ethical to be punitive regarding late work. We worked out a plan to get students to submit work on time but did not take points for turning in work late.

## 9. What is the action plan for the next academic year? (2021-2022) Explain.

Faculty developed a more informative rubric and will create a video in the future addressing the aforementioned problems. Faculty met and determined that a set of sample essays would help students translate the platforms into tangible knowledge.