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**Assessment Report Form  
Edison State College**

1. Assessment Project Report:

Program	General Psychology (PSY 2012)
Department	Social Sciences
College	Arts & Sciences
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2. According to the Assessment Plan, what were the planned assessment activities to be conducted during the Academic Year? You may want to copy and paste from this program's assessment plan.

Which outcomes for this program were measured?	How did you measure the outcomes?	What results did you expect?
The psychology department wanted to assess all of the learning outcomes for PSY 2012.	A pre-test, post-test format was developed with 3-5 questions for each learning outcome in the course syllabus.	Faculty expected that the students would exhibit improvement in most of the course learning outcomes.

3. Results, conclusions, and discoveries. What are the results of the planned activities listed above? What conclusions or discoveries were made from these results. Describe below or attach to the form.

The data was analyzed at the dimension, as well as the individual item level for 789 students completing PSY 2012. In the pre-test 87% of the students answered 4 – 10 questions correctly; however, after completing the course, 81% of the students answered 6 – 14 of the questions correctly, with an additional 7% of the students who answered between 15 -17 questions correctly. Moreover, each dimension showed improvement, with Critical Thinking Objective #1 exhibiting the weakest improvement.
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4. Use of Results. What program changes are indicated? How will they be implemented? If none, describe why changes were not needed.

The results will be used to encourage faculty members teaching PSY 2012 to spend more time explaining issues related to experimental design, as well as the role of deception in psychological research.

5. Dissemination of results, conclusions, and discoveries. How and with whom were the results shared?

The results of the assessment project have been reviewed and analyzed by full-time faculty members teaching general psychology at Edison State College. Also, the findings will be posted to the Assessment Website.