

Message from the LAC Chair

## Learning Assessment News with a New Look



Dr. Caroline Seefchak,  
Professor of  
Education and LAC  
Chair

On behalf of the Learning Assessment Committee, LAC, welcome to Academic Year 2017-2018. I am honored to serve as LAC chair and to work with a committee of creative and inquisitive members, and I am grateful for the work of Dr. Amy Trogan, who, for the past two years, led the LAC with such innovativeness and care.

Working closely with the College's Office of Assessment and Effectiveness, the LAC's mission is to assist academic disciplines in the development of assessments and assessment strategies, rubrics, and ways to use data to be assured of promoting student success. With three subcommittees, the LAC provides assessment support, professional development opportunities, and timely communication.

*DataVersed* is the LAC's electronic assessment newsletter, a monthly publication designed to keep faculty informed of all things assessment, learning, and data-related. Look for *DataVersed* in your email each month and very best wishes for a successful and data-filled academic year for all.

General Education Assessment

## "Research," "Investigate" to be Assessed in Fall Courses



Dr. Joseph van Gaalen,  
Director of  
Assessment  
and Effectiveness

At the April 2017, Learning Assessment Committee (LAC) meeting, the committee voted to assess the "Research" and "Investigate" General Education Competencies during the 2017-2018 Academic Year. During that same meeting, the LAC also adopted a new General Education plan to coincide with the new General Education Competencies adopted by the College, beginning Spring 2017. In the new assessment plan, courses which were identified by faculty of that discipline as "Research" or "Investigate" at the *integral* level can be randomly selected for General Education Assessment during Fall 2017 as part of the AY 2017-18 assessment plan.

On the next page is a listing of all courses which faculty identified as "Research" or "Investigate." Under the new plan outlined by the LAC, if a course is listed on the next page, it means that one or more sections of the course may be randomly selected to provide an assignment which the instructor feels is appropriate to meet that competency.

C R E A T I V E

# General Education Assessment, Courses from Which Random Selections Will Be Made, Fall 2017

## Research

## Investigate

ENC 1101, LIS 2004

**SoAHSS**

ENC 1102 (Essay), ENC 1102 (Tech),  
REL 2300

CGS 1000, CIS 2321, CJC 1000,  
CJE 2600, DSC 1006, DSC 3034,  
ENT 3003, ENT 3172, ENT 4004,  
ETD 1320, ETD 1530, HFT 1000,  
HFT 2600, MAN 3641, MAN 4402,  
MAN 4701, MAN 4723, MAR 3231,  
MNA 3037, MNA 3039, PAD 3204,  
PAD 4426, PAD 4878, PLA 1103,  
PLA 2114, PLA 2610, SBM 2000,  
SUR 2140C, TAX 2000, TAX 2010,  
TAX 2401, TRA 1430

**SoBT**

BCT 1760, CJE 1300, CJE 2602,  
COP 2823, COP 2830, CTS 2321,  
CTS 2334, DSC 1006, DSC 2590,  
GIS 1040, MAN 2021, MAN 3120,  
PAD 4034, PLA 2600, PLA 2930,  
PLA 2942, TRA 2010

EDE 4220, EDE 4304C, EDF 2005,  
EDG 3410

**SoE**

ESE 4323

CVT 2920, DEH 2300, DEH 2400,  
FFP 1510, FFP 1540, FFP 1824,  
FFP 2301, FFP 2706, FFP 2770,  
HSA 3113, HSA 4184, NUR 4165,  
RET 2930, RET 4034, RET 4050,  
RET 4715

**SoHP**

CVT 1200, CVT 2420C, CVT 2620C,  
FFP 2780, HSC 4933, NUR 3125,  
NUR 3145, RET 1007, RET 2234C,  
RET 2254C, RET 2264C, RET 2714,  
RET 4445

BSC 1086C, MAC 2313

**SoPAS**

BSC 1011, MTG 2206

## Tutor.com – 24/7, On-Demand, Online Tutoring

In May, 2017, FSW partnered with Tutor.com to provide students with online tutoring assistance. A summer pilot, from May 10 until August 10, yielded the following results:

- 236 unique students
- 1,612 sessions
- 910 hours of usage
- 4.74/5.0 student rating of service
- 99% of students would recommend



Tutor.com is available, free of charge, to FSW students. For faculty, it provides features and insights to promote and support student success in individual courses, including a review of tutoring session transcripts for further insights into each student's challenges. Early alerts from Tutor.com may help you identify struggling students early on to provide additional student support.

Virtual webinars are available to faculty. See the FSW training calendar to participate.

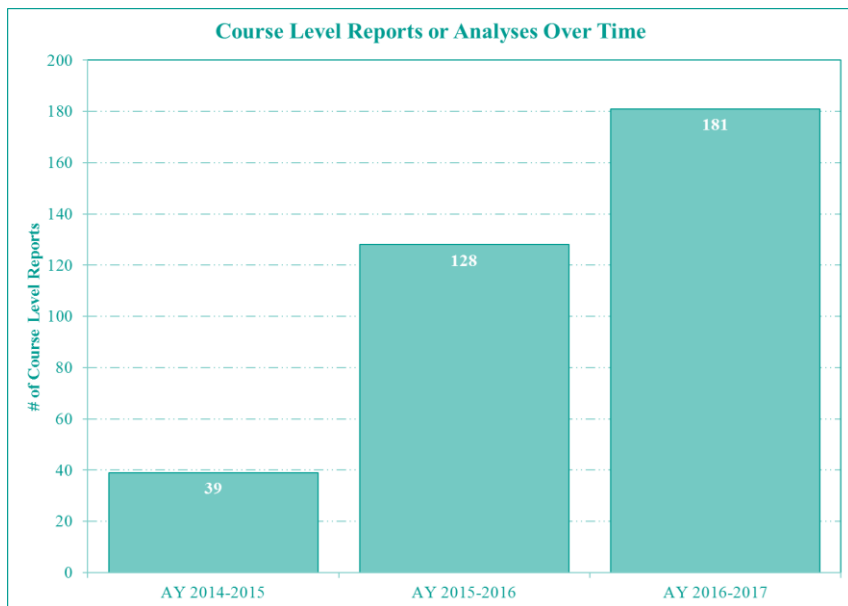
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### Course Level Assessment

## Support for Development, Collection, and Analysis

For Academic Year 2017-2018, the Office of Academic Assessment will provide support to faculty to develop assessment tools, administer assessments, collect data, and analyze results for course assessments.

Learning Assessment Coordinators in each department will be discussing any updates to the Course Focus List. LAC Coordinators are aware of the courses that may be cycled out of the focus list and will be taking suggestions for courses to be added. Dr. van Gaalen and Allison Studer, in the Office of Academic Assessment, are always available to answer questions.



*Course level reports and analysis have increased dramatically since AY 2014-2015 and have become an integral part of academic documentation at FSW.*

## Nursing Professor Has a Passion for Data



Margaret Kruger, MSN, RN, a professor at FSW for ten years, is an integral member of the Learning Assessment Committee and was part the committee’s recent intensive summer rubric design. Professor Kruger grew up in Tennessee. “Go, Vols!” she says. Before entering academia, her hospital experience included step-down, critical care, and open heart recovery. In the field of nursing education, she began as a Critical Care Educator. After obtaining a Master’s in Community Health Nursing, she started a Community Wellness Outreach program.

Professor Kruger has done consultant work that has taken her to hospitals all across the United States and to Puerto Rico. Educating nurses on all shifts and in all units about how to set-up and monitor the Pleur-evac chest drain opened her eyes to different learning styles. She says it served her well as she transitioned to full time teaching at Florida SouthWestern State College. She currently teaches online in the RN to BSN program. She says that joining the FSW Learning Assessment Committee has allowed her to learn more about college rubrics and general education assessment.

Teaching is one of her passions; mission work is another. Professor Kruger has traveled to Haiti and Cuba to assist with anything from digging ditches to teaching a class for deaf youth (with a translator). Her other passion is playing with her 2-year-old grandson. He is a bundle of energy and wears her out, but she still has energy for teaching, assessment and rubric creation.

## Learning Assessment Committee Members 2017-2018

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