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IVCC Assesses

Thank you, all!

We are beginning to see
the results of our hard work!



THE ART OF ASSESSMENT

Let's celebrate 9 years of being
harassed about assessment with words
and pictures by the Assessment Committee!

Happy 9th Birthday *IVCC Assesses*!

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THE GOOD NEWS: Just to remind you, our last report was accepted by the HLC—and thanks to our demonstrated record of improvements, we may be at a place where we can come off of the interim monitoring. For this best case scenario to happen, we need to collect evidence of our improved assessment culture before our 2026 reaccreditation site visit.

To this end, please use **Brightspace** to assess the ILOs relevant to your classes for at least half of your students this semester, preferably as you calculate final grades—but less ideally up to two weeks after the end of the semester (See Instructions on Page 3). We will then pull the data from **Brightspace**, and David Garrison will use it to assess our progress and effectiveness.

THE NOT AS GOOD NEWS: Even though we had improvement, we did have a decline in participation last Spring—which I know was during the transition from Blackboard to **Brightspace**, so I am hoping that we will rebound to stronger numbers now.



A reminder on how to assess in Brightspace

Determine which Institutional Learning Goals/Outcomes are to be assessed for your course. These can be found on the Master [Course Outline](#) and the course's Assessment Plan (if you filed one). Once you know which ones to assess, attach them to an assignment, discussion, or quiz in Brightspace.

How do you do this?

We have a Brightspace training class to show you!

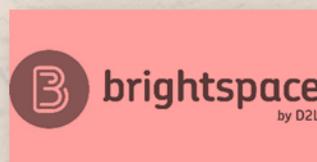
Once you've logged into Brightspace,

1. Click on the **Discover** link in the center of the top-center navigation bar.
2. In the Discover/Search... box, search for **Institutional Learning Goals, Outcomes, and Evidence**
3. Click **Enroll in Course**. You then will be enrolled in the course and see it in your course list.
4. Please work through the course; it should take less than an hour for most people and teach you what you need to know about assessing Learning Outcomes in Brightspace courses.

And/or . . .

5. The *Assessment in Brightspace* webpage has text and video instructions, also:

<https://www.ivcc.edu/assessmentcommittee/AssessmentBrightspace.php>



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And we still have a lot more work to accomplish before 2026:

The Assessment Committee has been tweaking the Assessment Plans and Reports and working on new assessment procedures, as some things have changed with the advent of the **Brightspace** adoption.

We must also begin to define our programs, including the transfer ones, and assess them for student learning and success and ensure that every program include all our ILGs and ILOS.

And we must continue to improve our co-curricular and campus area assessment, too.

The Assessment Committee, CETLA, or your Dean is willing to help you with this. If you have any questions, please contact Assessment Committee co-chair, Kimberly_RadekHall@ivcc.edu.



And have a great Summer!