

Education | 2015-2016 Assessment Plan

1. Please review last year's assessment results (2014-2015) with the faculty in your program. How does your program plan to take these results into consideration in future programmatic planning?

The results of last year's assessment provide a good base as the program continues to move toward full implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessment (edTPA) tool. As mentioned in last year, the program will move the focus of the assessment from the foundation courses to methods courses. These courses occur later in the student's progression to program completion when they are better prepared for the three tasks of the assessment. Changes to the process and scoring at the state and national level will also be considered as we move to full implementation.

2. Which outcome will you assess this year (2015-2016)?

Last year the department assessed Standard #1 of the Wisconsin State Teaching Standards. As we move forward to full implementation of the edTPA, we will expand the assessment to also include inTASC standard #7: Planning for Instruction; #8: Instructional Strategies; and #6: Assessment. We will continue to use the edTPA along with an evaluation of student portfolio artifacts.

3. Which technique will you use to assess this outcome?

We will continue to use the edTPA as an assessment tool. This three-part, scored evaluation will provide feedback of specifics skills demonstrated by the student and closely mirrors the standards chosen.

Last year our department offered a limited number of vouchers to students to complete the edTPA, which led to a relatively small data set. During the 2015-16 academic year, the number of students completing the process will increase while also expanding across a greater variety of licensure areas. Student's pedagogical and critical thinking skills will be accessed through the edTPA process at a more advanced level of training, which offers a more accurate reflection of their understanding and ability. Specific feedback on student performance will be provided by Pearson.

4. Which course or group of students will you assess on the outcome chosen above and when?

Students completing their student teaching experience and enrolled in EDUC 405 will be used to access the outcomes.