

## Cliff Notes for Curriculum Maps *2012-2013 Edition*

### What is this?

Curriculum Maps are matrices that document the alignment of course student learning outcomes to program student learning outcomes and institutional general education outcomes. These matrices provide evidence that students have an opportunity to learn program student learning outcomes and institutional general education competencies throughout the curriculum. The process of creating them helps faculty to identify gaps in the curriculum. They also help faculty to design assessments.

Every college-level course will have an associated curriculum map.

Curriculum Maps are to be revised whenever course outcomes are revised.

### Process for Coding Curriculum Maps

A = Assessed (each General Education Competency owned by a college-level course must have a least one cell in the Curriculum Map coded with an A)

Empty Cell-the empty cell indicates the course learning outcomes does not address the particular Gen Ed competency.

### Guidelines for Curriculum Maps:

**Courses in AA and AS Degrees:** Student learning outcomes for all courses in AA and AS degree programs will be aligned to the General Education competencies.

**Courses specific to AAT Degrees:** All of the maps for education courses will align the course outcomes to both AAT degree program outcomes and the General Education competencies of Communication Skills and Critical Thinking Skills. For each of these General Education competencies, there must be at least one cell coded with an “A” for each course.

**Courses specific to AAS Degrees:** All of the maps for these courses will align the course outcomes to both the particular AAS degree program outcomes and the General Education competencies of Communication Skills and Critical Thinking Skills. For each of these General Education competencies, there must be at least one cell coded with an “A” for each course.

**Courses specific to particular Certificates:** All of the maps for these courses will align the course outcomes to both the particular certificate program outcomes and the General Education competencies of Communication Skills and Critical Thinking Skills. For each of these General Education competencies, there must be at least one cell coded with an “A” for each course.