

Cliff Notes for General Education Assessment
2012-2013 Edition

What is this?

Palo Alto College has [an assessment cycle](#) in which two competencies are assessed every year. For Fall 2012, the college will assess the THECB competencies/objectives of Critical Thinking and Empirical and Quantitative Skills. Artifacts are collected in the fall and are then evaluated by a group of faculty assessors in the spring. Every assessment cycle requires that findings are analyzed and related action plans developed.

Why do this?

Faculty are responsible for the curriculum and promoting learning of important competencies in students. Faculty create the assessment measures and processes and the action plans based on the findings of assessment.

Suggestions for doing this-

Dedicate part of a department meeting early in the semester (August) to *introduce* this task and pass out the written guides. Dedicate part of a department meeting in September for a faculty discussion and input on the guides. Email jcoppola2@alamo.edu or call 63735 if Joseph can be of any help to you or your department.