

## Departmental Assessment Cover Sheet

**Division:** All Associate of Art & Associate of Science Degrees

**Department:** All A.A. and A.S. Degrees

**Submitted by:** Tom Fuschetto

### Plans

**Plan:** All A.A. and A.S. Degrees

## List of Intended Outcomes

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### STCC Mission Statement

South Texas Community college is a comprehensive public community college established to address the diverse educational and training needs of the people of Hidalgo and Starr counties by empowering a pluralistic society of learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance the quality of their lives and to promote the development of their communities.

### Goal Statement(s) governing the purpose of this department/program:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a Prepared Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Quality Academic Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage Life-Long Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate Students Development               |
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### Intended Outcome 1 (Expected Results)

Students earning academic degrees will successfully transfer to a four year college.

### Intended Outcome 2 (Expected Results)

Students will express satisfaction in their community college preparation for earning their bachelor degrees.

### Intended Outcome 3 (Expected Results)

Students who transfer to an institution will have completed 75% of their lower division course work.

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**Assessment 1** 100% of former STCC students who have earned academic degrees and transfer to a four year college will have transferred all academic courses earned at STCC with grades earned above "D." The data will be accessed electronically through the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

**Actual Results:** All of the students had their academic coursework accepted at UTPA as per the articulation agreement between UTPA and STCC. Between May 1997 and December 1997, there were 18 associate of arts graduates. There were no AS graduates during this period. Of the identified 18 AA graduates, only six were at UTPA. Of the six with records at UTPA, three were for concurrent enrollment during their last semester at STCC and the other three attended UTPA after their graduation from STCC. The three students who were concurrently enrolled at UTPA when they graduated (all last fall) have not attended UTPA since then.

**Use of Results:**  Response Required       Response Volunteered       No Response Required

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**Actual Results:** The data was insufficient or otherwise unavailable. Three Alumni Survey respondents rated their preparation at STCC as excellent (4.67 average on a 5 point scale). However, as outcome two requires, none of those STCC graduates are in their senior year.

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**Assessment 1** 75% of former STCC students earning Bachelor degrees will have completed 75% of their lower division courses at STCC: 75% of the students who graduated from STCC earn no more than 25% of freshman and sophomore level courses at four year colleges. The data will be accessed electronically through the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

**Actual Results:** The data was insufficient or otherwise unavailable: no STCC graduates have reached their senior year at UTPA.

**Use of Results:**  Response Required  Response Volunteered  No Response Required

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**Assessment 2** STCC Alumni survey. 75% of former STCC students entering four year colleges will be surveyed in April of their senior year and asked if they have completed 75% of their lower division courses at STCC. The students are asked to identify whatever lower division courses they will need to earn at their four year colleges. The survey will be through the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness in April.

**Actual Results:**

**Use of Results:**  Response Required  Response Volunteered  No Response Required

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**Person Responsible:** Tom Fuschetto

**Completion Date:** n/a

**Action:** The assessment criteria was met. However, the assessment is no longer appropriate since the formation of an articulation agreement between UTPA and STCC. However, a future plan that tracks students attending other colleges and universities by the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness is needed. However, only those students who went to UTPA can be located electronically.

**Resources:** Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

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**Action:** Time will later provide appropriate data as today's STCC graduates at four-year colleges and universities become seniors in the future. The assessment needs to be repeated and a response needs to be made when enough graduates will become seniors. The assessment criteria will remain unchanged.

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**Resources:** Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness