Welcome to the first *CED Assessment Newsletter*. We're trying this format to communicate information and updates about assessment. We hope you find it useful, accessible, and memorable. Enjoy and please share your suggestions and feedback. Have a great summer!

### THANK YOU!

The Assessment Committee extends its thanks for the hard work many of you have put in to refining and extending our unit assessment system in the last two years. The reports this year show the progress our community has made. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

### 2008-09 Accomplishments

Among the accomplishments in assessment this year, programs and faculty have:

- Created and used 166 rubrics to score signature assignments.
- Drafted 25 annual reports devoted to program improvement.
- Involved more than 15 part-time faculty in data discussions in Spring 2009 alone.
- Received very positive feedback from the University Assessment Coordinator and the WASC visiting team regarding our assessment efforts.

### Signature Assignment Reminders

In courses with signature assignments, please:

- Use the same name for the assignment across sections of the course.
- Use a common rubric agreed upon by program faculty to score the assignment.
- Record data on individual rubric criteria for each student. This will provide much more valuable data for program improvement than the overall score.

### Summer 2009 Data Collection

We are asking faculty teaching “Signature Assignment” courses this summer to collect data just as during the semester. Some important points:

- Data collection templates will be arriving around the 2nd week of each summer session.
- Data should be submitted to the department office 1 week after the end of a session.

### Fall 2009: Key Dates

CTC credential programs have a Biennial Report due to the Assessment Office in Fall 2009. Here are some key dates to keep in mind for Fall 2009 data collection:

- **Biennial Report Workshop:** Sept. 18, 10 am-12 pm
- **Data Discussion Meetings for Biennial Report:** Sept. 8 – Oct. 26
- **Data templates for Spring 2010 data collection to programs:** Oct. 19
- **Biennial Reports Due to Assessment Office:** Nov. 1
- **Data due to department offices:** End of Semester

### Things to look for in Fall 2009

When you return this fall, you'll see:

- A streamlined process to get candidates’ consent for using signature assignment data for research.
- An assessment handbook.
- Plans and preparations for the NCATE Focused Visit on November 14-17.

### Assessment Office Web Site

This summer, we are building out the Assessment Office web site. Please start visiting the link below for resources, calendars, and other useful information: