

August 24, 2012 Data Conference  
Afternoon breakout session - EC-6

Marva spoke about our EC-6 program data. In May 2012, we talked about program improvement through data collected during the 2011-2012 school year.

We reviewed the program data on the Program Assessment webpage. Assessment #2 is changing. Using the course grade from the practicum courses was not considered to be an effective measure. Starting this semester, practicum (now called block) courses, will use a common rubric to score content using a DRF. The common rubric includes all 4 subject areas taught in our block courses: reading, math, science, and social studies. Indicators are given on an example that Marva found. Our faculty will modify these indicators to better fit our block courses. We do have some candidates who do not take the reading block because they are in Special Ed. Chris said we should evaluate each block course separately. Math and Science already have a DRF in place. The other courses will be added as an administrative piece on this DRF. Faculty can score rubrics according to each student's name. This change in our assessment for the second measure of content should tell us more about program improvement in the future. Faculty are to have their updates indicators to Chris by Sept. 15 so she can start on the DRFs for this semester.

Chris has also discussed the change in our Disposition evaluation for this academic year. Our form had NA for a choice last year. This score contaminated our data. Now Chris has revised the form in TaskStream for faculty to use this year. Data collection and results should be cleaner this year.

Another change recommended in May 2012 from program data results was more field experiences in courses that all candidates, even Special Ed. candidates, take. RDG 3335 was suggested. Marva is doing a pilot on this in her section this semester. The results will be discussed in the future for effectiveness.

One more thing discussed last May was adding vocabulary and scenario based questions to give candidates more practice for their TExES exam. Secondary candidates are taking an online module for PPR practice before they are cleared to take the actual test. We may need to get this for our EC-6 candidates.

Marva will be writing a new ACEI report for our national recognition starting in 2013.