**East Central College Department-Division : Biology Department – Science Division**

**Program Assessment Planning Document Semester & Academic year: Updated Spring 2013**

**East Central College learning objectives** **(general education objectives and CLOs)** **& program objectives that this assessment will support.**

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| 1. **General Education Objectives** | 1. **Common Learning Objectives** |
| 1. Life and Physical Science | 1. Creative and critical thinking |
| 1. Higher order thinking | 1. **Program objectives** (Unit specific) |
| 1. Managing information |  |
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***Report and Review Cycles:*** Reports and program reviews for each Unit will be performed in 5 year cycles. Review years for each Unit are specified below.

***Unit I*: Consists of General Education Courses from Biology (I A) and Environmental Science (I B) Departments – 2013, 2018 & 2023**

**Unit IA: General Education Courses in the Biology Department (BI)**

1. **Program objectives:** Individual program objectives will be assessed on a cyclic basis.

*a. Describe and apply basic biological concepts*

*b. Apply the scientific method of creating and testing hypotheses.*

*c. Apply new understanding of biology in novel ways that are useful to humans or that solve problems faced by humans*

*d. Gather and analyze numerical information appropriate including creating and interpretation of graphs and diagrams.*

*e. Demonstrate appropriate technical skills related to biology.*

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| Target Courses | Objectives met | Assessment Tool | Assessment Cycle |
| **General Biology** (BI 1305) | I.a, I.b, & I.c | Semester exams, laboratory exams & reports, departmental Pre-test and post-test. | Semester of course offering |
| II.a | II.a. - Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) test; II.b. - Under development | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a, III.b, III.d & III.e. | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used- Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Introduction to Life Science**  (BI 1203) | I.a, & I.b, | Semester exams & departmental Pre-test and post-test. | Semester of course offering |
| II.a | II. a. - CAAP test; II. b. – Under development | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a, III.b,& III.c | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used- Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Principles of Biology I** (BI 1325) | Refer to Unit II | Refer to Unit II | Refer to Unit II |

**NOTE: Look under Environmental Science Department for Unit IB course assessment plan.**

***Unit II*: Consists of Biology Transfer Courses – 2012, 2015 and 2020**

***Report cycle and Review Cycle*:** This unit report will be submitted every 5 years alternating with the other units in the Department**.**

**III. Program objectives:**

1. *Apply the scientific method of creating and testing hypotheses.*
2. *Gather and analyze biological data including creating and interpretation of graphs and diagrams.*
3. *Demonstrate appropriate technical skills related to biology.*
4. *Identify and use the concepts, principles, and theories that constitute the core sub-disciplines of the biological sciences*
5. *Students will apply the concept of chemistry to the study of life.*

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| Target Courses | Objectives met | Assessment Tool | Assessment cycle |
| **Principles of Biology I**  (BI 1325) | I.a, I.b, & I.c | Semester exams, laboratory exams & laboratory reports, & departmental Pre-test and post-test | Semester of course offering |
| II.a | II. a. - CAAP test; II. b. – Under development | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a – III.e | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Principles of Biology II**  (BI 1415) | Content assessment | Semester exams, laboratory exams & laboratory reports, & departmental Pre-test and post-test | Semester of course offering |
| II.a. | CAAP test | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a – III.e | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Microbiology**  (BI 2404) | Content assessment | Semester exams, laboratory exams & laboratory reports, & departmental Pre-test and post-test | Semester of course offering |
| II.a. | CAAP test | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a – III.e | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used- Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Genetics**  (BI 2005) | Content assessment | Semester exams, laboratory exams & laboratory reports, & departmental Pre-test and post-test | Semester of course offering |
| II.a. | CAAP test | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a – III.e | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Cell Biology**  (BI 2045) | I.b & I.d. | Semester exams, laboratory exams & laboratory reports, & departmental Pre-test and post-test | Semester of course offering |
| II.a. | CAAP test | To be determined by the college. |
| III.a – III.e | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |

***Unit III*: Consists of Health-Related Courses from Biology (III A) and Health Science (III B) Departments – 2014, 2019 and 2024**

***Report cycle and Review Cycle*:** This unit report will be submitted every 5 years alternating with the other units in the BS and ES departments

**Unit III A: Health-Related Courses in the Biology Department (BI)**

**III. Program objectives:**

*a. Describe and apply basic course specific concepts*

*b. Apply the scientific method of creating and testing hypotheses.*

*c. Apply new understanding of biology in novel ways that are useful to humans or that solve problems faced by humans*

*d. Gather and analyze numerical information appropriate including creating and interpretation of graphs and diagrams.*

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| Target Courses | Objectives met | Assessment Tool | | Assessment cycle |
| **Human Anatomy and Physiology I** (BI 2104) | Content assessment | Semester exams, laboratory exams & departmental Pre-test and post-test | | Semester of course offering |
| II.a. | CAAP test | | To be determined by the college. |
| III.e – III.i | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Human Anatomy and Physiology II** (BI 2115) | Content assessment | 1. Semester exams, laboratory exams & departmental Pre-test and post-test | | 1. Semester of course offering |
| 1. Human Anatomy and Physiology Society(HAPS) Standardized Exam | | 1. HAPS test will administered once every two years |
| II.a. | CAAP test | | To be determined by the college. |
| III.e – III.i | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |
| **Intro. to Anatomy & Physiology**  (BI 1802) | Content assessment | | Semester exams, laboratory exams & laboratory manual, & departmental Pre-test and post-test | Semester of course offering |
| III.a.- III.d. | | Appropriate assessment tool for the objective chosen will be used - Under development | Each objective will be assessed individually on a cyclic basis |

**NOTE: Look under Health Science Department for Unit III B course assessment plans.**