# REAL Detailed Assessment Plan Proposal (Foundational Writing)

## Program DetailsProgram Details

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## Course and Learning Goal and Outcomes Documentation Identification

**General Information**

* The assessment plan must be complete
* Course-based assessment is required of all courses designated as Foundational Writing
* REAL assessment for courses designated as Foundational Writing must be conducted each time the course is taught with results reported annually

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| **FOUNDATIONAL WRITING** |

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| **Outcome 1: Students employ reading strategies to facilitate written communication** |

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| **Population being measured**  All Students in Course  Sample  (Describe the sampling plan to the right) | **If sampling, please describe the sampling plan** (e.g., random sampling, sampling of course sections) |
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| **Outcome 2: Students engage in the recursive writing process, including pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading to improve written communication** |

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| **Outcome 3: Students use appropriate vocabulary, mechanics, grammar, a**  **nd style** |

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| **Department Action Plan** |

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| **Action Plan** | Action plans detail the departmental process for reviewing and acting on REAL assessment data results. This is a full departmental process - i.e. should not just be the assessment coordinator’s responsibility – for determining what the assessment data means and what to do moving forward. Departments should be meeting at the beginning of each academic year to discuss and interpret the findings of the previous year’s assessment and strategize ways to make improvements, if necessary. Please describe the process your department will use to review the assessment data and also include the process you will take if students do not achieve the learning outcome targets. |

**Example Criteria for Success**

1. **Example One – Rubric used to score a written assignment**

**Highly Competent** – To score highly competent a student must score “Excellent” on the writing assignment rubric.

**Competent** – To score competent a student must score “Acceptable” on the writing assignment rubric.

**Below Competent –** To score below competent a student must score “Unacceptable” on the writing assignment rubric.

1. **Example Two – Exam questions used to measure student knowledge of a subject**

**Highly Competent** – To score highly competent a student must correctly answer at least 90% of the exam questions.

**Competent** – To score competent a student must correctly answer between 70% and 89% of the exam questions.

**Below Competent –** To score below competent a student must correctly answer less than 69% of the exam questions.

1. **Example Three – Survey question used to measure a student’s perceived knowledge of a subject**

**Highly Competent** – To score highly competent a student must indicate that “after completing this course, I feel highly confident in my knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Competent** – To score competent, a student must indicate that “after completing this course, I feel confident in my knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Below Competent –** To score below competent a student must indicate that “after completing this course, I do not feel confident in my knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_.”