

Need to know: Sample size goal is 363 (121 per exam), students may take more than one exam (there are a total of three being administered)

- **Testing cycle is now active—will end at end of April**
- Random sample of students enrolled in **spring 2019 Summit courses**
- Advise students to look for e-mail from **UCCS Assessment Office, assess@uccs.edu**
- **Exam completed online**, on student's time – no longer need class time
- Do need faculty support in reminding students
- Faculty with five or more students participating will receive a \$10 gift card

Students may want to know:

- Approximately 45 minutes to complete each
- **Does not go on students' academic record**
- **All data is reported out in aggregate format only**
- Participation is anonymous, Director of Assessment is only person that ever views participants names.
- Students receive a \$10 food services gift card for each assessment
- This is part of our Compass Curriculum general education assessment project
- Unless otherwise instructed, pickup gift cards upon completion of exam in Columbine 203f. Contact Lynne Calhoun 255-4186 with questions.

Exam information:

Please note: all results are reported out in aggregate format and identities of participants are never revealed.

- The Educational Testing Service (ETS) **Proficiency Profile** provides the breadth component of our assessment goals exploring student learning in general education topics such as reading, critical thinking, math, natural sciences, humanities, and writing.

Although our freshman participants performed at levels similar to comparable students at other institutions, results of the last administration of the Proficiency Profile administration at UCCS (2015) demonstrated that our upper-class (Seniors) participants are out-performing comparable students nationally in all domains mentioned above. We are reintroducing the Proficiency Profile into our general education testing process due to the ability of the exam to provide a broad perspective of student achievement at UCCS.

- The ETS **HEIghten Assessments** are part of a suite of specialized exams including the two we will focus on this year, Civic Competency and Engagement (CCE) and Intercultural Competency and Diversity (ICD). These exams provide a cross-disciplinary, in-depth focus on topics of concern on the UCCS campus. "Each question within an assessment is designed so that it may be answered by any student, regardless of major." ¹

We participated in the pilot administration of the CCE and ICD in the fall of 2017. This will be our first opportunity to gather senior level student data.

¹ 2018 Educational Testing Service. HEIghten Outcomes Assessment Suite, Student Information sheet