



Educational Leadership and Counseling Newsletter

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Creating E-Portfolios with True Outcomes



Prairie View A&M University has purchased an Internet service that allows students to develop an Electronic Portfolio (E-Portfolio). **TrueOutcomes Manager** is recognized as a specialist in standards-based assessment, risk retention, and providing information-based decision-making to higher education institutions. A division of Cengage Learning, one of the largest and oldest publishers in higher education, **TrueOutcomes** is a partner that can be trusted.

Today's colleges and universities face major assessment challenges as they seek to continuously improve their programs, maximize student learning on their campuses, and provide information to accreditation boards and other stakeholders. **TrueOutcomes Manager** is a systematic approach of designing, measuring, monitoring and validating student learning outcomes that can help institutions: 1) Achieve greater efficiency in the accreditation and continuous improvement process 2) Move into the "culture of evidence" that accrediting agencies demand. The **TrueOutcomes Assess-**

ment Manager is a complete, web-based solution that facilitates every aspect of Learning Outcomes Management decisions to improve student learning outcomes and facilitate continuous improvement. It is designed to enhance program-level assessments and reports, including: 1) Improved curricular coherence through alignment of academic course with learning outcomes 2) A chronological report of curricular changes and the rationale; 3) A report of student achievement according to predetermined standards.

All faculty within the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education are required to include the TrueOutcomes statement which is:

"TrueOutcomes is a tool that Prairie View A&M University uses for assessment purposes. At least one of your assignments will be considered an 'artifact' (an item of coursework that serves as evidence that course objectives are met) and will be loaded into both Web-CT and TrueOutcomes. The assignments to be used as TrueOutcomes artifacts will be identified by your instructor. Students are required to complete an electronic portfolio (e-portfolio) in order to complete their program. This document can be used for future employment and/or educational endeavors. More information will be provided during the semester, but for general information, you can visit the TrueOutcomes web site at: www.trueoutcomes.net."

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Graduation Applications

Spring 2008 Graduation Applications are due by February 2, 2008.

Candidacy Application Forms will not be accepted unless your GRE scores have been submitted to the Department of Educational Leadership & Counseling. For additional information, please review the Office of Student Financial Aid's page on www.pvamu.edu or visit www.elac.pvamu.edu

Twenty (20) Sections of Internet Classes Launched Spring 2008

The Department of Educational Leadership & Counseling included four Counseling Internet classes (Counseling Theory, Professional Orientation-Development, Psychology of Abnormal Behavior and Career Development) and five Educational Administration courses (Fundamentals of Administration, Public School Law, School Business Management, School Curriculum Leadership, and Computer Applications for Administrators) in the 2008 Spring schedule. The nine courses were so popular that 20 sections of the various courses had to be uploaded to meet students' demand for Internet classes. The courses are designed to meet the growing demands of a global community of learners. Secondly, the Internet courses will take full advantage of the latest educational and communications technologies. More internet classes will be offered during the 2008 Summer Semester. By Fall 2008 it is anticipated that all courses needed to complete a degree in Educational Administration will be on-line. The on-line curriculum will be continually updated to reflect cutting edge concepts, methods and practices, to ensure that students are fully prepared for today's professional world.

Know your advisors

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 19th—Last day to
Add and Drop
Jan. 21st— Martin Lu-
ther King's Birthday
Jan. 30th—Last day to
withdraw from courses
without record.