

Process Timeline

The Core Writing Program has conducted two major assessments and one small follow-up assessment since 2000. Dr. Kathy Boardman, the Writing Program Administrator (WPA), conducted the first large-scale assessment in 2000 and a smaller follow-up assessment in 2001. In 2004, Dr. Jane Detweiler became the new WPA. In 2004, she was asked by Dr. Paul Neill, Director of the Core Curriculum, to conduct another large-scale assessment. The following timeline explains the process beginning with the initial conversation between Drs. Detweiler and Neill.

Parameters	2004, Fall	Dr. Detweiler and Dr. Neill discussed assessment and developed initial parameters.
Information Gathering	2005, Spring semester	Dr. Detweiler & graduate student interns explored parameters, Dr. Boardman's report, and readings about assessing writing and critical thinking.
	2005, early March	Dr. Detweiler & some interns attended a workshop on critical thinking and assessment by Dr. Diane Kelly-Riley of Washington State University.
	2005, March	Core Writing Program faculty and instructors answered a survey about what they value in writing and critical thinking.
	2005, April	The assessment team did a test run of the new rubric.
	2005, May	Focus groups 1 & 2 discussed of Core Writing values.
	2005, Fall	The assessment team adjusted the rubric based on focus groups 1 & 2. Focus groups 3 & 4 did test runs of the rubric.
Implementation	2006, Spring	The assessment team held information sessions for CWP instructors.
	2006, May 1-10	The assessment team collected portfolios.
	2006, May 22-26	Readers assessed portfolios.
Results & Actions	2006, Summer & Fall	Members of the assessment team wrote the assessment report.
	2006-2007 academic year and beyond	Members of the assessment team are implementing curricular, programmatic, and institutional responses and performing ongoing follow-up assessment activities.

For more information, or to request a copy of the assessment report, please see the UNR Core Writing web site at <http://www.unr.edu/cla/engl/cwp/>.