

NEWSLETTER

UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES



September 2025 - New Faculty Institute

All college Deans and the Provost spent time with new faculty, introducing each college program, including program initiatives. New faculty asked great questions and made great connections with university administrators.



CTLA REPORT



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During the Opening Session, the CTLA team delivered two data reports to the faculty & staff. Both reports are available on the website to review:

- The 2023–24 Written Communication assessment showed that students across all colleges generally met or exceeded expectations, with strong upper-division performance and shared challenges in using evidence effectively, leading the university to prioritize improved information literacy instruction, stronger faculty assessment support, earlier writing scaffolding, and more consistent assessment practices.
- The 2024–25 Critical Thinking assessment showed that students across all colleges consistently performed at the Milestone 3 level, demonstrating solid reasoning and evidence use, while also highlighting the need for deeper capstone-level thinking, more consistent faculty participation in assessment, and stronger alignment of instructional and rubric practices across programs.

25-26 ASSESSMENT

For the 2025–26 academic year, Eastern Oregon University will assess the **Civic Engagement and DPD (Diversity, Power & Discrimination)** learning outcomes. These outcomes help us understand how well our students are prepared to engage respectfully across differences, analyze systems of power, and participate meaningfully in community and civic contexts.

The full **Assessment Schedule** and **VALUE rubrics** are available [here](#).

A **representative from each college** will connect with faculty/instructors teaching courses identified for Civic Engagement or DPD assessment. They will assist with rubric setup in Canvas, alignment of the rubric to the selected assignment or project, and any discipline-specific questions you may have as you prepare your course materials.

Assessing Civic Engagement & DPD provides valuable insight into how effectively our programs support students in applying their disciplinary knowledge to real-world, socially informed, and community-oriented challenges.

Faculty Checklist for Civic Engagement & DPD Assessment (2025–26)

- ☐ Review the Assessment Schedule and identify whether your course has been flagged for Civic Engagement or DPD assessment.
- ☐ Select the assignment, project, or task that best demonstrates your students' achievement of the outcome.
- ☐ Meet with your college assessment representative to review rubric alignment and Canvas setup.
- ☐ Upload the assignment and attach the correct VALUE rubric in Canvas.
- ☐ Score one student artifact using the rubric.
- ☐ Submit the rubric results by the CTLA deadline (at the end of the term your course runs).
- ☐ Reach out to CTLA for support, examples, or discipline-specific consultation as needed.

UPCOMING PD

We are expanding PD opportunities beginning the winter term! CTLA will offer PD for the VALUE of Critical Thinking. We have been asked to provide additional PD to support teaching and learning. Look for a survey soon to voice your teaching and PD modality needs.