

Exercise- Making the Dream for a Centralized Assessment System Come True

Your University wants to implement a centralized assessment system and you have been asked to be on the planning committee. Develop a plan using the template below.

Choose the Leadership

Senior leadership, especially Deans and above, is very important

Define the Dream

What will it accomplish? How do you want the institution to value and use assessment?

Start with Pilot Projects

Think of some examples that will demonstrate learning and are interdisciplinary (cross departments or even colleges).

Educate Personnel about the System

Remember that being shown how to use the system predicts adoption.

Implement the System

What support strategies need to be in place? Think about a timeline.

Communicate about the System

How will you let personnel know about the implementation of the system?

Monitor Impact on the Institution

How will you know that student learning has occurred? How will you know if the culture at the institution is changing? How will you convey this to the University and the public (transparency issue)?