



Planning and Evaluation Tracking

College Year: 2011-2012

Division of: Business

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Purpose Statement: Adequately prepare students for employment in the legal field (Last Reviewed: Fall 2011).

Goal Statement #1: Ensure students understand what constitutes the Unauthorized Practice of Law (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Strategy 1.1).

Objectives/Outcomes (including assessment tools and standards):

90% of students will answer questions correctly regarding the unauthorized practice of law ("UPL"), which will be embedded in a quiz and 2 exams in LGLA 1307 - Introduction to Law (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Task 1.1.1).

We had 2 sections of Intro to Law in 2010-2011, with a total of 36 students who were twice tested over what constitutes the unauthorized practice of law.

Results:

2010-2011

69/72 = 96%

N = 72

Use of Results (including improvements and revisions):

Previous Year's Analysis: The percentage of correct responses continues to increase.

Next Year's Plan of Action: Continue to test twice, emphasizing the importance of learning UPL in every class as a review of this important concept.

Goal Statement #2: 80% of graduates will be employed in the legal field, pursuing a Bachelor's degree or serving in the military.

Objectives/Outcomes (including assessment tools and standards):

We surveyed our 7 2010 graduates to determine their employment and education, and 6 out of 7 answered the survey. All 6 are working on a BAAS or working as paralegals.

Results:

2010-2011

6/6 = 100%

N = 6

Use of Results (including improvements and revisions):

Previous Year's Analysis: Not enough data

Improvement: I have all three professional paralegal organizations come speak to my Intro class and at least one upper-level class each semester. I also have been doing research and meeting with BAAS coordinators to pursue articulation agreements and give our graduates more options.

Next Year's Plan of Action: Continue to stress importance of answering survey, continuing education and joining local organizations for networking opportunities. Plan to pursue articulation agreements and give our graduates more options.