

**ASSESSMENT RECORD FOR  
DEPARTMENT  
OF**

**Accountancy Department**  
(Academic Department Name)

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**2008-2009**  
(Assessment Period Covered)

**October 1, 2009**  
(Date Submitted)

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**Includes Assessment Reports for those Instructional Programs listed below:**

Title of Instructional Degree Program

Degree Level

(Associate, Bachelors,  
Master's, etc.)

Accountancy

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**ASSESSMENT REPORT  
FOR  
Accountancy  
Department (Major)**

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**Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose Linkage:**

**College Mission Statement:** The mission of Culver-Stockton College is to provide **students of promise** a **superb education** within an **active learning community** founded upon **integrity** and the **best values of faith and the human spirit**.

**The Community**

Culver-Stockton College accomplishes this mission as a learning-centered community committed to freedom of inquiry, excellence in teaching, and its heritage as a midwestern college in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Department Mission Statement** (if applicable) To provide a first class Accountancy education with a focus on student centered learning, leadership opportunities and hands-on experiences in which students will apply learning through internships, independent research, corporate workshops and other “experiential learning” opportunities.

**College Objective(s):** To prepare the student for career or graduate study or a chosen career through programs that provide in-depth knowledge, disciplinary methodologies, professional specialization and experiential learning.

**Intended Outcomes/Objectives:**

1. Accountancy graduates will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.

2. Accountancy graduates will demonstrate proficiency in financial and managerial Accounting concepts.

3. Accountancy graduates will be well prepared for their first employment upon graduation.

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Accountancy

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## Intended Outcomes/Objectives:

1. Accountancy graduates will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.

## First Means of Assessment for Objective Identified Above:

**Assessment Criteria and Procedures:** The faculty will collect artifacts for review as evidence of the students' ability to write effectively. The artifact will be rated by an independent faculty using a rubric. Graduates will achieve an average score of 80% (on a scale of 0-100%).

**Summary of Data Collected:** Students completed an accounting research project on a recently issued financial accounting standard or a general research project. The average rating on the six accounting research projects was an 81%.

**Use of Results:** The goal was met; however, weaknesses are noted. Proper citation and formatting continues to be a problem and is an area for improvement. To achieve improvements, faculty will utilize library staff to better communicate proper citations and formatting in the capstone course. Only one year's research project was available. A two-year moving average will be used in the future.

**Budget Implications:** None.

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## Intended Outcomes/Objectives:

**2. Accountancy graduates will demonstrate proficiency in financial, managerial accounting, tax and auditing concepts.**

## First Means of Assessment for Objective Identified Above:

**Assessment Criteria and Procedures:** Accountancy graduates will take the Gleim Assessment examination. This exam will be required for a grade and will be completed in Advanced Accounting. Accountancy graduates will achieve an average score of 55% or above on the examination.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected:** The average score earned by Accounting graduates on the Gleim Assessment examination was a 49%. (6 of 6 graduates completed the exam.)

**Use of Results:** The Accounting graduates scored below the desired average on the Gleim Assessment examination. This was the first year of using the Gleim Assessment examination, which draws questions from the CPA exam question banks.

Note: Our curriculum does not directly prepare students to sit for the exam; however, the faculty desires to implement content that will expose the students to the types of testing formats that are used on the CPA examination. This is a lofty goal that the faculty has set for the program.

Some graduates taking the Assessment examination had not completed all coursework prior to the administering of the exam. To better prepare students for the Gleim Assessment examination, students will complete comprehensive examinations using CPA examination test questions at the end of some required Accounting courses. In addition, students will be required to complete an exam review in the Capstone course and graduates taking the exam will have completed all prerequisites. In addition, a moving average will be used in the future.

**Budget Implications:** Gleim Assessment examination cost is \$15 per student.

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## Intended Outcomes/Objectives:

**3. Accounting graduates will be well prepared for their first employment upon graduation.**

## First Means of Assessment for Objective Identified Above:

**Assessment Criteria and Procedures:** A survey of accounting graduates one year out and five years out will be administered. Seventy-five percent of accounting graduates who respond when surveyed will respond positively that they were well prepared for their first employment in each of the categories below. A two-year moving average will be used.

### Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

- (1) 85% (11 out of 13) responded that the C-SC accounting curriculum prepared them for current employment in regard to effective writing.
- (2) 83% (10 out of 12) responded that the C-SC accounting curriculum prepared them for current employment in regard to business software applications.
- (3) 90% (9 out of 10) responded that the C-SC accounting curriculum prepared them for current employment in regard to business presentations.
- (4) 100% (11 out of 11) responded that the C-SC accounting curriculum prepared them for current employment in regard to financial & managerial accounting concepts.
- (5) 100% (9 out of 9) responded that the C-SC accounting curriculum prepared them for current employment in regard to leadership experiences (work or community.)
- (6) 91% (10 out of 11) responded that the C-SC accounting curriculum prepared them for current employment in regard to use of research tools.

**Use of Results:** The goal was met in each of the areas surveyed. (2) The respondents indicated affirmatively that the use of advanced Excel and Access is especially valuable. *We are now requiring Computer Applications in Business to further develop Excel and Access skills.*

Note: These results reflect a two-year moving average.

**Budget Implications:** None

## Second Means of Assessment for Objective Identified Above:

**Assessment Criteria and Procedures:** An evaluation will be completed by internship supervisor assessing intern performance (on a 5 point scale with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor.). The average rating received by Accounting graduates will be a 4.0 or above (average rating was increased from 3.5 to 4.0 in 2008-2009.) A two-year moving average will be used.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected:** The average score received by accounting majors is a 4.7. A two-year moving average was used due to the small number of graduates.

**Use of Results:** The scores received are significantly above the average, indicating that students are performing well.

**Budget Implications:** None.