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# **Assessment Simplified:** Strategies to Streamline Workload & Increase Impact

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### Introductions



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# Agenda

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Challenges Managing the Assessment Cycle

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### **Assessment Plans Difficult to Collect & Track**

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# Lack of Standardization

Each unit completes their own assessment plan. The lack of standardization leads to different formatting, fields used, and information provided.

#### Plans Dispersed Across Locations

Assessment plans live across multiple locations, making them difficult to collect and track the status of submissions.

#### Accountability Challenges

Difficult to promote accountability for submitting plans. Lack of transparency means few people see and/or share assessment findings.

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#### Difficulty Referencing Past Reports

Old assessment reports lives across various locations, making them difficult to locate, reference, and learn from.



### Scattered Assessment Information Poses Multiple Challenges



#### **Collecting Information**

Data can be challenging to quickly access and share when housed in multiple locations. Ŀ

#### **Time Intensive**

Manually entering information takes significant time and poses a burden to faculty and staff.



#### Tracking

Tracking programmatic and institutional changes over time is difficult when information lives across multiple locations.



# Pratt Moves to Centralized Assessment

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## Why the Urgency Now Around Assessment?

#### Increasing Difficulty

Assessment demands increasing as more information is needed and standards frequently change.



#### **Pressure on Practices**

Increased pressure from accreditors to implement good assessment practices and demonstrate educational value.



#### **Data Accessibility**

Enhanced data accessibility needed to analyze disaggregated data and ensure equitable outcomes.



## **A New, Streamlined Approach**

#### **Standardized Forms for** Consistency

Standardized forms implemented to ensure assessment plans always provide the needed information



#### **Plans & Reports Collected in One Central Location**

Assessment plans and reports collected in one central location to enhance accessibility and enable follow-up.



#### **Data Sources Connected** for Easier Collection

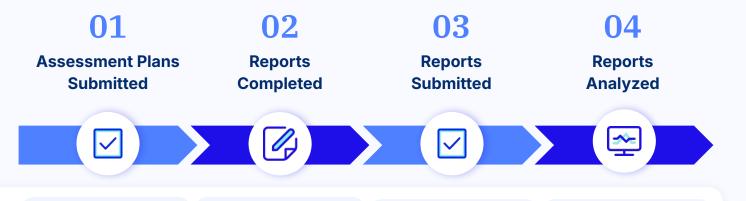
LMS integrated with assessment platform, saving faculty from manually entering information into assessment plans and reports.

#### Increased Transparency & Accountability

All relevant parties can see assessment progress, reference previous assessment cycles, and learn from others.



### **Assessment in Practice at Pratt**



 Multi-year assessment plans submitted through Coursedog

Assessment

Staff

 Dashboard used to monitor plan submission and identify late submitters

- Assessment facilitators enter information into Coursedog
- Student learning data pulled in directly from Canvas
- All assessment reports, evidence submitted through Coursedog
- Admins track report progress and completion through dashboard
- See aggregate results of if learning outcomes were met
- Finalized reports saved in Coursedog for easy access to monitor changes overtime



### **Using a Dashboard to Track Progress**

Access all assessment plans in one place, rather than sorting through emails and online folders.

**Track the progress of assessment plans** to see how close they are to completion and where certain academic units lag.

**Send targeted reminders,** rather than relying on generic, mass email reminders to academic units.

Assessment Plans		+ New Assessment Plan
Project Name	Action Items	Progress
2023-2024 Economics Assessment Plan	2	80% 🖉 🖍 Edit
2023-2024 Mathematics Assessment Plan	3	72% <b>Edit</b>
2023-2024 Chemistry Assessment Plan	2	40% 🖉 🖌 Edit
2023-2024 Art History Assessment Plan	2	64% 💋 🖌 Edit
2023-2024 English Assessment Plan	2	91% <b>Contraction Z</b> Edit
2023-2024 Physics Assessment Plan	3	45% <b>Z</b> Edit



# Appointing Assessment Facilitators

#### **Pratt Creates Assessment Facilitator Role**

Each academic unit can choose an assessment facilitator from their existing staff.

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- Attend assessment meetings and communicate with colleagues
- Share assessment expectations and engage with committees
- Input assessment information into Coursedog and maintain progress
- Collect approved assessment findings and share results



### **Benefits to Your Accreditation Process**

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#### **Storing Data**

Store all information required for academic assessment in one place. Examples include:

- Minutes from curriculum meetings
- Curriculum maps
- Tracking and documentation of curriculum changes made
- Assessment reports

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#### **Sharing Data**

Enable relevant internal and external parties to access assessment information:

- Some accreditors ask for access to an institution's portal to review assessment information
- Share good assessment reports with other units on-campus so they have examples to follow



### **Advice for Revamping Your Assessment Process**

Begin with a Policy	Find a Robust Platform	Highlight Reduced Workload
<ul> <li>Ensure you have a strong assessment policy in place</li> <li>Easier to justify a change when it is rooted in an existing policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Choose a platform that allows you to do as much as possible in one place</li> <li>Reduce the number of steps needed to complete assessment tasks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Show faculty they no longer need to leverage disparate tools to collect and report data</li> <li>Call out ability to easily find previous years' reports</li> </ul>





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# **Questions?**





# Thank you!

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