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Graduates will report satisfaction with the education preparation provided in the Accounting Program.	Career/Technical Employment Status Survey	70% of graduates will report satisfaction with the education preparation provided in the Accounting Program.	Seven students returned the survey. 100% were either satisfied or very satisfied with the Accounting program. Furthermore, 83% of students accomplished their goals.	The number of students and graduates returning the survey is very low. Faculty members are considering using social media, via Facebook, for better contact with graduates and students. Students in their final semester will be encouraged to participate.		

				However, this needs to be managed at the administrative level. This mechanism will increase contact with graduates and students. We think it would be helpful to have a breakdown, on the surveys, of those students still in the program and those students who have graduated.
Accounting students will graduate at a 75% completion rate within four years of declaring the major.	Graduation rate for the period of 2014-2015. Information from IRIR.	Accounting students will graduate at a 75% completion rate within four years of declaring the major.	Matriculation rate is 29%.	The availability of courses offered for students to graduate is not consistently offered from one year to the next. Courses with small enrollment numbers are cancelled. Therefore, students must wait, sometimes for another year, for the course to be offered. At this point, some courses have not been held for over a year. Students should have some assurance that all courses will be held within a year regardless of enrollment size. This failure to hold courses has a negative effect on attracting new students and retention of current students.

				Faculty members are working on advising techniques, informative literature and projects to increase graduation rates. Faculty members should encourage Accounting majors to complete the English and math requirements as soon as possible. These required courses are fundamental in the success of an Accounting student.  The available data include students who drop-out of college or who transfer without receiving a degree from JSCC. Therefore, the data may not reflect the true matriculation rate.
Graduates will be employed in the field or enrolled in a four-year degree program.	Graduate survey; Career/Technical Employment Status Survey	Within in six months of graduation, 70% of accounting graduates will be employed in field or currently enrolled in a four-year degree program.	Of the graduates returning the survey, 100% of graduates are employed in field.	Faculty members are encouraged to work with and follow up with students pursuing employment and/or enrolling in a four-year degree program. Faculty is considering using social media, via Facebook, for better contact with graduates and students. The state of the economy is playing a role in the low employment numbers. Faculty will continue to work with businesses in the community to increase the Accounting

			Program graduates employed in field.
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# Instructional Program Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Plan – Accounting Program Core Courses

Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence	Use of Results
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	ACT 115: Analyze Business Transactions and enter data using computerized accounting software.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	ACT 115: 96% students achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met. This course reinforces accounting practices. Faculty members will continue to monitor student outcomes and make necessary adjustments to improve student learning. This course is a beginning level course that helps to provide practical applications to students and helps to imprint accounting rules. Students are encouraged to take this course soon after they have taken ACT 145 or BUS 241 to imprint the rules or principles of accounting and secure their future success in accounting courses.

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ACT 145: Analyze	ACT 145 – 94% of students in	Benchmark met. This
business transactions	this course achieved a 3 or 4.	course is a beginning level
using the accounting		course and increases the
equation.		success rate of students
		taking BUS 241 & 242.
		Faculty will continue to
		monitor student's success
		in this course. Students
		who do well in this course
		will be more successful in
		higher level accounting
		course.
ACT 249: Demonstrate	ACT 249: 84 % of students in	Benchmark met. This
knowledge of the basic	this course achieved a 3 or 4.	course includes Business
payroll accounting		majors. We hope to offer
records.		this course as an Internet
		course in the future.
BUS 241: Complete the	BUS 241 – 74% of students in	The benchmark was met
accounting cycle	this course achieved a 3 or 4.	for both BUS 241 & BUS
through closing entries.		242. However, the available
		data includes student who
BUS 242: Know the	BUS 242 – 72% of students in	fail to attend class and
three sections of the	this course met the percentile	never withdraw. Therefore,
Statement of Cash	requirements.	the data is skewed since
Flows and items	,	failure to attend without
included in each		withdrawing is recorded as
section.		an F.
		As more students take
		online courses, the defined
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	BUS 253: Identify deductions and exemptions allowable to compute taxable income, calculate the taxes, and identify any credits available to determine the net tax liability.		BUS 253: 93% of students in this course achieved a 3 or 4.	success rate of a 3 or 4 may be impacted. Some students take online courses when they need the structure of in-class environment.  Benchmark met.
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting	ACT 115: Use the computer to perform various financial statement analyses.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good,	ACT 115: 96% students achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
exercises and problems.	ACT 249: Calculate and report an employer's payroll tax liability from payroll transactions.	4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by	ACT 249 – 87% of students in this course achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
	ACT 253: Identify reportable gross income, including payroll, interest, dividends, net rentals and Schedule C business income to derive adjusted gross income.	achieving a 3 or 4.	ACT 253 – 80% of students in this course achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met. However, due to low enrollment, this course was offered only one time at one campus. This will create future problems with students wanting to graduate.

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ACT 145: Analyze transactions.	ACT 145: 78% of students achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
	DUC 241 700/ of students in	Domah was alle was at
BUS 241: Prepare the Income Statement, Statement of Owner's Equity and Balance Sheet.	BUS 241 – 70% of students in this course achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met. However, for both BUS 241 and BUS 242 the available data includes student who fail to attend class and never withdraw. Therefore, the data is skewed since
	BUS 242 – 72% of students in	failure to attend without withdrawing is recorded as
	this course achieved a 3 or 4.	an F.
BUS 242: Know basic managerial accounting terminology and perform basic managerial calculations.	tills course achieved a 3 of 4.	Students would be more successful in both BUS 241 and BUS 242 if they met the program requirements in math and English before they attempted these courses.  As more students take online courses, the defined success rate of a 3 or 4 may be impacted. Some students take online courses when they need the structure of in-class
		environment. However, online courses are the trend that students expect. Therefore, faculty members will continue to address the problem of students taking online courses when it may not be

				appropriate for some students. Faculty members may address the numbers of an F grade due to failure to attend, by encouraging students to officially withdraw.
Demonstrate program proficiency via case study. This case study encompasses both:  Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements. And Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	ACT 252 – Accounting Case Studies Students will maintain a company set of books using manual journals and ledgers.  ACT 252: Students will maintain a company set of books using various accounting software for special journals and ledgers.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	ACT 252: 90% of students achieved a 3 or 4 using manual cases. Students achieved 100% using accounting software.  ACT 252: 90% of students achieved a 3 or 4 using manual cases. Students achieved 100% using accounting software	Benchmark met. This course serves as the Accounting Program's capstone course. To maintain the integrity of the Accounting Program, material in the course is significantly more difficult than material in preparatory courses. Faculty will continue to emphasize key principles in accounting foundation courses and discuss the importance of long-term understanding rather than short-term memorization. Additionally, faculty required students to complete a research project relating to topics commonly missed by students.
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# Instructional Program Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Plan – Accounting Program – Accounting option

Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence	Use of Results
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	BUS 100: Demonstrate knowledge of general marketing, finance and accounting concept.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good,	BUS 100: 87% of the students attempting the assessment achieved success with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
Statements.	BUS 146: Prepare a personal statement of cash flows.	4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	BUS 146: 81% attempting the assessment achieved success with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
	BUS 248: Students will be able to classify costs and determine cost behavior.		BUS 248: 82% of students haves successfully classified costs with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
	MST 215: Demonstrate knowledge of the preparation of a business plan.		MST 215: 97% of students were successful with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
	MST 111: Define management and describe in detail the		MST 111: 94% were successful with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.

	five functions of management.	BUS 248: 82% of students	Benchmark met.
	BUS 248: Students will be able to make business decisions using cost behavior.	successfully made business decisions using cost behavior with a 3 or 4.	Denominant met.
	BUS 263: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basics of employment and discrimination laws.	BUS 263: 70% of students know the correct concept or terminology with a 3 or 4.	While benchmark was met, instructors of BUS 263 need to analyze what methods could improve students' success. This course was offered for the first time on the Internet this year.
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	MST 111: Define management and describe in detail the five functions of management.  MST 201: Demonstrate an understanding of	MST 111: 94% of students were successful with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
	an understanding of applicable laws that affect human resource managers.	MST 201: 89% of students were successful with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.





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# Instructional Program Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Plan – Accounting Program – Computerized Accounting Option

Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence	Use of Results
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	ACT 246Q: Set up a company in QuickBooks.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate	ACT 246Q: 88% of students were successful with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met. Slight improvement from the last report. A different textbook will be reviewed. The current textbook contains errors/problems.
	BUS 248: Students will be able to classify costs and determine cost behavior.	understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	BUS 248: 82% of students haves successfully classified costs with a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met. Improvement.
	BUS 247P: Set up a company in Peachtree.		ACT 247P: This course was not held during the reporting period.	Again, this course was not held. This is a serious problem for students wanting to graduate.

Apply analytical and computational skills	ACT 246Q: Maintain an inventory system in	ACT 246Q: 88% of students achieved a 3 or 4.	Benchmark met.
required to solve	QuickBooks.	define ved a 5 of 4.	
financial, managerial and			
taxing accounting	BUS 248: Students will	BUS 248: 82% of students	Benchmark met.
exercises and problems.	be able to make	successfully made business	Improvement from last
	business decisions using	decisions using cost behavior	report.
	cost behavior.	with a 3 or 4.	
	ACT 247P: Maintain	ACT 247P: This course was not	
	business transactions in	held during the reporting	
	Peachtree.	period.	
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	Course Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Plan – ACT								
Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence				Use of Results		
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	Embedded Exam Questions.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall 11 10 91	5 5 100	na na	Students successfully completed the questions measuring the intended outcome. Students demonstrated knowledge of business transactions. Faculty members will continue to monitor.		
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	Embedded Exam Questions.		Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall 11 10 91	5 5 100 100	Summer	Students applied analytical skills to perform various financial statements successfully.		

	Course Student L	earning Outcomes	& Assessn	nent	Plan -	- ACT 14	5
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Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	Embedded Exam Questions.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall 17 13 76.5 28 28 100	19 19 100	Summer	Students were successful in analyzing business transactions using the accounting equation. Faculty members will continue to monitor.
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	Embedded Exam Questions.		Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall 16 9 56.3 28 26 91.7	Spring  19 14 73.7	Summer  16 15 93.8	Students were successful in analyzing transactions using debits and credits.

C	Course Student Le	arning Outcomes &	Assessm	ent l	Plan –	<b>ACT 24</b>	6Q
Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence				Use of Results
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	Embedded questions in completed company set-up. Excel Worksheet.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	11 10 91	5 5 100	Summer	Students were successful in the set-up of a company in QuickBooks.
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	Embedded questions in Excel worksheet.		Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall 11 10 91	Spring  5  5  100	Summer	Students were successful in maintaining an inventory system.

	Course Student L	earning Outcomes	& Assessn	nent	Plan -	- ACT 24	9
Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence				I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	Embedded Exam Questions.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	12 11 91.7	Spring  12  10  83.3  14  11  78.6	Summer	Students were successful in determining payroll tax liability.
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	Embedded Exam Questions.		Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall 11 9 81.8	Spring 12 10 83.3 15 14 93.3	Summer	Students were successful in maintaining payroll accounting records.

	Course Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Plan – ACT 252								
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Demonstrate program proficiency vis case study. Case Study will encompass:  Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.  Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	Embedded case Questions.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	10 9 90	Spring	Summer	Students were successful in maintaining a company set of books in both manual and software environments.		

	Course Student L	earning Outcomes	& Assessn	nent	Plan -	- ACT 25	3
Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary &	_	sis of As ence	Use of Results	
Demonstrate knowledge of basic accounting principles and prepare and interpret financial statements.	Embedded Exam Questions.	Using a scale of 1-4 where: 1=Poor-fails to meet expectations, 2=Needs improvement, 3=good, 4=Excellent, 70% of students will successfully demonstrate an adequate understanding by achieving a 3 or 4.	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall	Spring	15 14 93.3	Students were successful in determining the net tax liability.
Apply analytical and computational skills required to solve financial, managerial and taxing accounting exercises and problems.	Embedded Exam Questions.		Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	Fall	Spring	Summer  15 12 80	Students were successful in determining adjusted gross income.

	Course Student	Learning Outcome	s & Assess	ment	: Plan -	- BUS 24	11
Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence			Use of Results	
Complete the accounting cycle through closing entries	Exercises/Problems	70% of students will successfully complete journal entries to complete the accounting cycle through closing entries	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Pell City Attempted Completed Percentage Clanton Attempted Completed Percentage Average  * Course is not Campus or Clapping and su	anton C	ampus du	•	Benchmark met for some terms. Students did not successfully complete the journal entries necessary to complete the accounting cycle through closing entries. Instructional staff evaluated and developed new outcomes which began assessment in Fall 2014. Faculty will again re-evaluate current outcomes to determine if additional and/or different questions should be used to better assess the course.

Prepare the Income	Exercises/Problems	70% of students will		Fall	Spring	Summer	Some benchmarks for
Statement, Statement	·	successfully complete	Jefferson				terms were met. Students
of Owner's Equity and		the Income Statement,	Attempted	32	40	16	did not successfully
Balance Sheet		Statement of Owner's	Completed	18	19	12	complete the intended
		Equity and Balance	Percentage	56.2	48	75	outcome in spring and
		Sheet	Shelby				summer terms. Student
			Attempted	81	66	46	learning will be improved
			Completed	60	56	40	by using more lecture
			Percentage	74	85%	87	examples and test
			Pell City				questions in word
			Attempted	NA	*	*	problem format. A
			Completed	NA			majority of online
			Percentage	NA			students only complete a
			Clanton				portion of each student
			Attempted	NA	*	*	learning outcome, lowering the average
			Completed	NA			percentage. Faculty will
			Percentage	NA			encourage online
			Average	65%	67%	81%	students to complete all
			* Course is no Campus or Cla spring and su	anton Ca	mpus du	•	portion of the exercises/problems relating to the outcome.

	Course Stude	ent Learning Outco	mes & As	sess	ment l	Plan – BUS	242
Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence				Use of Results
Know the three sections of the Statement of Cash Flows and items included in each section	Embedded Exam Questions	70% of students will choose the correct concept or terminology	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	NA NA NA 49 32 65 65	Spring  21  9  43%  60  52  86.6%  65%	Summer  NA  NA  NA  47  30  64%  64%	Students successfully completed the outcome during the fall and summer terms. During the spring term, students seemed ill-prepared for the rigors of the course. Faculty will re-evaluate the outcome, continue to monitor student success and make the necessary adjustments to improve student learning.
Know basic managerial accounting terminology and perform basic managerial calculations	Embedded Exam Questions	70% of students will choose the correct calculation, concept or terminology	Jefferson Attempted Completed Percentage Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average	NA NA NA 49 33 67 67	5pring 21 10 48% 52 51 98% 73%	NA NA NA 47 32 68% 68%	Students met outcome criteria for success during the fall and summer terms. During the spring term, students seemed ill-prepared for the rigors of the course. Faculty will re-evaluate the outcome, continue to monitor student success and make the necessary

		adjustments to improve student learning.

# **Course Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Plan – BUS 248**

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Intended Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	Summary & Analysis of Assessment Evidence	Use of Results
Students will be able to classify costs and determine cost behavior	Exercises/Problems	70% of students will successfully classify costs and determine cost behavior	Fall Spring Summer  Jefferson Attempted 11 Completed 9 Percentage 82 Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage Average 82	The course is offered twice per year – Jefferson in the fall and Shelby in the summer. Students successfully completed the exercises/problems measuring the intended outcome. Faculty members will continue to monitor student success.
Students will be able to make business decisions using cost behavior	Exercises/Problems	70% of students will successfully make business decisions using cost behavior	Fall Spring Summer  Jefferson Attempted 11 Completed 9 Percentage 82 Shelby Attempted Completed Percentage 82 Average 82 NA 100%	The course is offered twice per year — Jefferson in the fall and Shelby in the summer. Shelby summer was not held due to low enrollment. Students effectively completed exercises/problems using cost behavior to make business decisions. Faculty will continue to monitor outcome results

			and make any necessary adjustment.
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