

CLA Assessment Outline

Initial Assessment – Fall, 2005 and Spring, 2006

Approximately 300 first-time, full-time freshman completed the CLA in fall, 2005 and 100 full-time seniors who had attended NC A&T State University since their freshman year completed the CLA in spring, 2006. This allowed for immediate cross-section value-added assessment results rather than waiting four years to obtain cohort-based value-added assessment results.

The results from this round of testing are available from Scott Simkins (s).

Second Assessment – Spring, 2007

NC A&T freshman students who completed the CLA in fall, 2005 and were still attending NC A&T in spring, 2007 (end of sophomore year at expected pass-through rate) were asked to re-take the CLA in spring, 2007 and were again offered \$50 each to take the test. Of the 300 students who participated in fall, 2005, only 220 were available to take the CLA in spring, 2007; of this total, only 82 students completed the CLA. The value-added results for the fall, 2005 freshman cohort are available from Scott Simkins (s).

Final Assessment – Spring, 2009

All NC A&T students who completed the CLA in fall, 2005 and are still attending NC A&T in spring, 2009 are being invited to complete the CLA during March and April, 2009. Of the 300 students who completed the CLA in fall, 2005, 153 students are still registered in spring, 2009. Each student (expected class level: senior) who completes the CLA will be paid \$100.

The results will illustrate value-added measures in writing, critical thinking, and analytical reasoning for a single cohort over four years of college at North Carolina A&T State University and should be available by fall, 2009.