

Department of Psychology
Assessment Plan for the Core Competencies

The core competencies are assessed during the psychology major's senior year. A global canvas course has been created that includes all graduating seniors. Two LiveText assignments are embedded within the Canvas course for graduating seniors.

To assess the core competency of Oral Communication, students are asked to upload a 2-3 minute oral resume video addressed to either a potential employer or graduate school admissions committee. The oral resume focuses on vocation and experiences that support the fit of the applicant for the employment position or the graduate school program.

To assess the core competencies of Written Communication, Information Literacy, Critical Thinking, and Quantitative Reasoning, students write an APA research paper that includes their original research conducted during the student's senior year at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Thirty oral resume videos and APA research papers are randomly selected each year for assessment. Departmental Assessment Day is the Monday following Commencement. The AAC&U Rubrics for the Core Competencies are used.