Professional Communication Seminar is a 8-session program designed to teach students skills to effectively and confidently communicate themselves in a professional setting. This seminar requires you to participate in activities designed to develop written, interpersonal communication, and public speaking skills, and it will actually improve the quality of your life if you keep an open mind and actively participate! The seminar consists of both theory and application.

A series of pre-tests and post-tests were administered for every section of Professional Communication offered throughout the 2013-14 academic year. The results from the pre-tests were averaged, as were there post tests. Then, these 2 averages were compared to measure learning.

- Demonstrate ethical reasoning in personal, academic and professional decision making.
- Collaborate with others to develop ideas in person and in writing.
- Confidently approach and engage in meaningful conversation with new people in new settings.
- Engage in self-reflection to clarify purpose and determine their career interests.
- Develop and enact a plan congruent with their identities and interests.
- Engage in experiences that complement their personal, academic and professional pursuits.
- Develop a sense of integrity and clarify values.
- Understand the effects of individual behavior on oneself, on others, and on the community.
- Demonstrate self-awareness and a willingness to seek and receive the feedback on one’s performance from others and to modify one’s approach to leadership.

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240 Participated in the seminar throughout the year
117 of Students who took the pre-test
74 of Students who took the post-test

Student learning outcomes and/or behavioral outcomes, Benchmarking

Surveys

All Pre and Post Test were created using Campus Labs

Professional Communication Pre/Test-SP-2014
Professional Communication-Pre-Test-Winter-2014
Professional Communication-Pre-Test-Summer-2014
Professional Communication-Pre-Test-Fall-2013
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Professional Communication-Pre-Test-Winter-2012
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A comparison report was then generated to compare results pre and post.
I have attached the document a few times throughout. I will attach it here below as well.

### Link Assessment

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### Summary of Findings:

- 68% of participants rated themselves an “A” or “B” in intellectual self confidence ability before taking the seminar, compared with 90% after taking the seminar.
- 57% of participants rated themselves an “A” or “B” in having no fear of speaking up in face-to-face conversations with 83% rating themselves that way at the conclusion of the seminar.
- Before the seminar, 76% strongly or moderately agree that they possess the necessary personal qualities (e.g. responsibility, consideration, initiative, etc.) to be a successful career person, with 90% feeling that way after the seminar was completed.

### Impact of Assessment:

The assessment results demonstrate a true learning for all outcomes in this seminar. Students have showed a great improvement in intellectual self confidence.

### Lessons Learned:

We will update our Pre and Post test that actually ask questions about professional communication (i.e. interview, communicating with authority, resume writing and cover letter).

### Supplemental Information:

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