

Center for Honors and Leadership
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Student Learning Outcome Assessment Plan

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President's Leadership Program: Mission, Goals, and Student Learning Outcomes

Program Mission: The Leadership Studies Program at CSU-Pueblo is committed to developing critically thinking young leaders who represent a cross-section of Colorado and who will communicate clearly, create new visions, solve problems, and transform their communities in Colorado and beyond. Through 18 hours of required coursework, PLP scholars fulfill courses to earn a minor in Leadership Studies. PLP Scholars are selected based on leadership potential, intellectual curiosity, and commitment to something outside oneself. Established in 2000, this cohort-based program attracts and accepts students entering the University as first-time, full-time students. In recent years, however, Reisher scholars, transfer students, and Community Impact Certificate registrants are accepted into the program when identified. In June 2019, the Center for Honors and Leadership (CHL) was established to include both the University's Honors Program and the President's Leadership Program in one umbrella under the direction of Dr. David Volk.

Institutional Mission: The President's Leadership Program supports the mission of the university by providing enhanced leadership learning experiences for students. In addition to providing visibility and prestige as a special program of the University, the PLP assists in the transition of leadership students, through experiential and service-learning opportunities, to become civically and socially responsible leaders in society and the working world. In line with CSU Pueblo regional mission and vision, PLP also creates and develops new leadership opportunities between students and campus/community leaders (government, for-profit, non-profit) via volunteerism, leader shadowing, service projects, and internship placements. The President's Leadership Program is a founding member of the Colorado Leadership Alliance (CLA), a collaborative effort that includes up to 10 Colorado member campuses with leadership programs. Although this organization has stepped back to let individual campus programs develop their own program goals and connections to other campuses, we maintain a group alignment through online programming, plus attachments to the Boettcher Foundation and other statewide foundations.

Program Goal Updates: Based on assessment and feedback data from recent assessment submissions, and recognizing the university's changing vision, branding, and goals, the President's Leadership Program staff and students continue to examine program goals (and SLOs) in more depth to align with CSU Pueblo's regional focus. Further, we are reexamining the program's compatibility with two related programs, the Community Impact Certificate and the CHASS-based Nonprofit Administration minor. We are striving to integrate several PLP and Honors courses/experiences to unify and engage students in all CHL programs while maintaining the integrity and values of each independently. Finally, the addition of the Reisher Scholars program to the CHL umbrella has added a cross-section of new minors in

Leadership Studies and Honors, as well as contributing heavily to the new Community Impact Certificate. Thus, flexibility in experiential offerings, changes in the lock-step cohort model and increased opportunities for projects and internship planning have re-vamped the assessment process as well. (One example: Cohort by cohort comparisons no longer apply as strictly as in earlier assessment processes.)

Overarching Program Goals: The President's Leadership Program Goals include the following:

- To provide a sequence of courses and professional placements centered in the concept of transformational leadership.
- To offer challenging experiential opportunities for students in diverse leadership settings.
- To showcase individual student interests and goals through mentorship, personal development and inclusion strategies, as well as internship placements.

Because PLP is both a special program and an academic minor, early student enrollees helped to shape the following vision: To create multi-culturally competent transformational leaders who will serve the communities in which they live and work. Crucial to the development of participants' leadership skills and practices are the acquisition of intercultural competence, social consciousness and civic responsibility, as well as ethical and altruistic attitudes and behaviors.

Student Learning Outcomes (History + Current Outcomes)

Although PLP student learning outcomes were established to measure the specific learning objectives established in 2000 and modified in 2006, recent campus wide workshop sessions clarifying the formative value of program assessment have convinced us that some SLOs need to be re-written to better measure program expectations, and some strategic planning tasks need further attention. However, the SLOs noted below are published objectives and two of these—ethical behavior and critical thinking—were examined in 2018-2019 following an all-outcome review during 2017-2018.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) are necessary to program assessment as they relate directly to evidence gathering and evaluation of what students have learned in their experience as PLP scholars with a Leadership Studies minor. These include student competence in personal leadership skills and interpersonal skills (coupled together under **self-leadership**), **leadership theory** and history, **ethical behaviors**, **critical thinking**, **problem-solving** and decision-making, and **civic engagement**. These outcome categories initially were established in concert with the Colorado Leadership Alliance in 2005-2006 as CLA member schools began to share academic and programmatic best practices. Academic directors from each campus met over a period of three to five months to determine a set of common outcomes through which individual campuses might share and compare goals and opportunities. Although individual campus outcomes varied in priority and execution, all campuses share a set of similar ideas about what scholars should know by completion of their programs.

It is from this process that CSU Pueblo's PLP faculty began attaching individual course goals and objectives to overall program outcomes. Such ongoing student learning assessment ensures the program remains adaptable, current, and strategic, thereby continuing to produce outstanding graduates who are prepared to be successful in a variety of leadership roles as they develop their

careers. **Further, staff involvement with the Experiential Education (EE) Task Force resulted in EE course designations for all Leadership Studies minor courses, meeting both program and course goals.** As of August 2016, all PLP courses have EE designation. As we aligned programming more fully with these designations, we have begun to look more closely at “across the board” experiential opportunities through system-initiated efforts and encouraged PLP scholars to join travel abroad with Honors students and community partners. (Two CHL student trips were completed, a third is planned for June 2025.) In the initial planning for university assessment procedures, PLP staff referred to the initial eight program goals developed through the self-study process. As planning evolved, these goals were translated into six outcomes and summarized on the **PLP Curriculum Map (page 9 of this plan)** where outcome measures could be tracked on a course-by-course basis. Also included on the Map are “other” opportunities for measuring outcomes via co-curricular activities—such as volunteerism, participation in student leadership on campus, and related opportunities. These outcomes are described below, and the course-by-course measures are itemized in the Curriculum Map.

1) **Self-Leadership:** PLP Scholars will understand, synthesize, and evaluate their personal readiness for leadership by communicating effectively through written and oral means as measured by course assignments and two portfolios. *We expect that 90% of PLP juniors/seniors will meet or exceed our minimum level of performance. 80% of first/second years should meet or exceed that performance level.*

2) **Ethics/Ethical Behavior:** PLP Scholars will manifest an understanding of leadership ethics, including the value of diversity and inclusion, and service to others. They will illustrate, analyze, and assess ethical behaviors as demonstrated in written work and oral presentation in the classroom and in community/public settings. *We expect that 85% of PLP juniors/seniors will meet or exceed our minimum level of performance. 75% of first/second years will meet or exceed that level.*

3) **Leadership Theory/ Creative Leadership:** PLP Scholars will describe, apply, and critique major leadership theories and be able to interpret theoretical foundations through a historical perspective. Students will be prepared to assess their own leadership qualities in relation to theoretical principles as they practice their leadership styles in placement settings such as the junior class project and the senior internship. *We expect that 80% of PLP students will meet or exceed our minimum level of performance.*

4) **Critical Thinking Skills:** PLP Scholars will understand the methods and skills needed for critical thinking and decision-making and be prepared to interpret situations and cases beyond surface arguments. Students will observe and understand the critical thinking habits of mentors and leaders as evaluated through the shadowing and reflection experiences of PLP 260 and through the junior class (PLP 360) project. *We expect that 80% of PLP students will meet or exceed our minimum level of performance.*

5) **Problem-Solving Skills:** PLP Scholars will apply problem-solving skills by taking on volunteer and community service projects, through staff-directed case management activities, and through tasks assigned in internship placements (PLP 460 or 489). *We expect that 80% of PLP juniors/seniors will meet*

or exceed our minimum level of performance. 70% of first/second years should meet or exceed 75% of our minimum level of performance.

6) **Civic Engagement:** PLP Scholars will understand and demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and community activism through experiential education opportunities as measured through volunteerism, community and campus service, team projects, class assignments, and guided reflection activities throughout the program. *We expect that 90% of our students will meet or exceed our minimum level of performance.*

As noted earlier, students in Leadership Studies and Honors are eligible for crossover credit if they choose both minors. To help clarify this, the CHL Mission and Goals are included below:

CHL Mission Statement

(Although PLP SLOs mirror many of the same objectives noted in the CHL standards, PLP courses will still focus on the six SLOs established for the Leadership Studies minor, and for the course-by-course descriptions and expectations included in program guidelines and course syllabi.)

The Colorado State University Pueblo Center for Honors and Leadership (CHL) equips students to be purposeful in the design of their college experience. Our courses are experiential and focus academically on self-leadership, ethics, service learning, and community impact. The CHL supports life-long academic and professional planning for each student. Housing the University's Honors and Leadership Studies minors, the minor in Nonprofit Administration, as well as the Certificate in Community Impact, the CHL bolsters the unique strengths and identity of each, while maximizing synergies and opportunities that develop and enhance all programs.

Leadership Studies Minor – Performance Criteria

Although Leadership Studies minors are heavily evaluated through digital portfolios, we collect assessment materials from all four required courses—PLP 160 Intro to Leadership; PLP 260 Leadership in Service Organizations; PLP 360 The Team Practicum, and PLP 460/489 Working with Experienced Leaders and Field Practicum in Leadership. By collecting samples each year, future comparisons or observations can be studied internally or provide documentation for external assessment.

The first digital portfolio is completed and reviewed at the close of the second core course (PLP 260) and the second, more comprehensive, portfolio is submitted as the final document in PLP 460 and PLP 489. As noted below, oral “defenses” now accompany both the sophomore portfolio and the senior internship experience portfolio, a change from early assessment processes. In addition, other in-class measures—such as public speaking assignments—are used to monitor students in all four levels of program progress. PLP faculty members collect these artifacts each fall semester for review between January and March. On an annualized basis, we expect that 90% of Leadership Studies scholars will meet or exceed our performance criteria goals in any given assessment period. Grading rubrics are aligned from course to course, and a single **Program Rubric** (included with this document) helps faculty to evaluate student growth between these two critical junctures. The addition of the oral defense

element at each level now enables faculty and students to monitor speaking skill development from benchmark to benchmark.

Curriculum

The Leadership Studies minor core courses and their objectives, in aggregate, establish and provide artifacts for the program outcomes as noted above and as described in the Curriculum Map appended to this document. A core curriculum of four sequential leadership studies courses (12 credits) is supplemented by a required course in public speaking (typically CID 103) and an elective course (or courses) chosen by each student, for a (minimum) total of 18 credits. Because we can only assess the value of the four leadership studies courses (PLP160, PLP 260, PLP 360, PLP 460 or PLP 489), faculty members continue to review recommended electives for Leadership Studies minors. Based on course-by-course objectives and assignments, students have numerous opportunities to optimize their learning.

Programmatic Assessment Methods

The Leadership Studies Minor includes several methods of program and curriculum assessment. Of the methods embraced, the **Student Leadership Practices Inventory (SLPI)** was the first nationally normed instrument used to compare our students to those in other programs nationwide. It provided an ongoing opportunity to complete a pre-test on first-year students followed by a post-test at completion of the minor coursework directed at students who complete all course work. (The SLPI measures the scholar's level of confidence against five leadership measures—challenging the process, inspiring a shared vision, enabling others to act, modeling the way, and encouraging the heart.) While a “handy” and documented survey tool, we did not find this a satisfactory measure for post-testing our students. Further, as the cost of these instruments increased combined with the difficulty of getting these surveys completed for students transferring into the program, adding PLP/Leadership Studies “late” in the student's academic career, or issues around limited access to digital testing, the PLP faculty decided to suspend use of the instrument. The onset of COVID protocols cemented the suspension, although we may consider a digital version of the instrument in the future if dollars and availability permit. **In March 2026, faculty learned of a compendium of college-level leadership instruments focusing on a variety of learning outcome issues that may be appropriate replacements for the SLPI. This collection is housed at James Madison University and access is open to educators and trainers at other universities and programs. We are determined to try one or more of these nationally normed instruments in the Fall of 2026 and/or Spring 2027.**

Other forms of evaluation that have been used to evaluate program development include:

- Annual assessment of one or more student outcomes (see general process description below)
- Interaction, teamwork, and completed leadership tasks at annual scholar retreats each August (Observation and Written Evaluations)
- Student online course evaluations each semester, and/or other audits created for use
- Online Alumni and Current Student Surveys conducted through Google Sheets. (Results from an alumni survey dropped in April 2019 were analyzed following the assessment report deadline)

for AY 2018-19. A follow-up alumni survey originally scheduled for AY 2022-23 was completed in Spring 2024. A summary of these results is included in Continuous Processes below.

- Student GPA analysis and comparison each semester for faculty and staff review
- Written and Oral evaluations from professionals who oversee students in service-learning projects and internships
- Insights from alumni, campus faculty/staff, and other professional observers
- Faculty review and updates to course syllabi and scheduling changes to positively affect student progress and timely completion as needed and during two semi-annual faculty retreats.
- Student analysis and synthesis of leadership skills and qualities through discussions with mentors and faculty, and as of Fall 2015, students develop an oral presentation or “defense” of their portfolios. Further, students who co-create their leadership experiences provide personal feedback of their experiences during the oral presentation stage(s).

Portfolio Assessment: How it Works and How it Changed

In practice, PLP annual program review includes portfolio assessment at the close of two courses—PLP 260-Leadership in Service Organizations, and PLP 460-Working with Experienced Leaders. Each portfolio submission is accompanied by an oral presentation to the scholar’s classmates and/or supervisors, plus faculty and advisory board members as available. The process is initiated by the academic director with support from the PLP director and adjunct faculty members. As of Fall 2018, these portfolios were digitalized in Google docs. Each student establishes an account when entering the program, and no later than entry into PLP 260. Any documents, assignments, reports, or creative materials can be housed here for senior review. Although program faculty evaluate sophomore and senior level portfolios, annual additions to portfolios were not consistent. During a pilot effort in Fall 2022, it became clear that course changes and assessment changes might be necessary.

In January 2023, all PLP faculty and CHL director David Volk participated in a day-long retreat to discuss pedagogical issues in two courses—PLP 260 and PLP 360—that provide transitional content and experiential development for students in the Leadership Studies minor. All agreed that changes in syllabi and a faculty swap would help to prepare students for current and future leadership roles, provide the necessary background for the PLP 360 Team Practicum experiences, and return the program to the original roots and goals established in the early 2000s. Two follow-up meetings determined that an annual review of artifacts from all four courses was more appropriate until the SLOs are met more clearly and course content is fully re-established.

During the 2024-25 academic year, the CHL took on greater responsibility for the Reisher Scholars program and introduced a Community Impact Certificate that provided options for transfer students as well as Leadership Studies or Honors minors. Crossover opportunities in both curriculum options permit students to enroll for courses with appropriate prerequisites in the semester necessary to complete their major requirements as well as their plans for graduation. Portfolios are required for all students in the PLP 260 or PLP 460/489 sequence regardless of their choice of minor or certificate.

Portfolio-Specific Process:

Sophomore Level: **Portfolio + Oral “Defense”:** PLP 260: Leadership in Service Organizations

- Students will demonstrate leadership readiness (self-leadership) through self-reflection, journaling, discussions, and interaction with shadow mentors and will devise and integrate their learning experiences into a portfolio for faculty review.
- Students will analyze their observations of and experiences with leadership skills and qualities through oral discussions with mentors and faculty and develop an oral presentation or “defense” of their portfolio. Depending on the SLO targeted in a particular AY, specific qualities or observations may accompany the defense process.

Senior Level: Portfolio + Oral “Defense”: PLP 460 Working with Experienced Leaders or PLP 489 Field Experience in Leadership

- Through reflective journaling, oral discussion, and essay reports in his/her portfolio, each student generates a clear picture of the internship experience as it compares to the experience of leadership readiness. The senior portfolio will critique leadership perspectives and measure the student’s growth throughout the President’s Leadership Program. Faculty evaluate the student on all six SLO’s according to the program assessment rubric and observe change and growth from PLP 260 submissions.
- Each student prepares an appropriate visual presentation and defense of the internship experience for delivery to all cohorts, supervisors, faculty, and guests. Using a common oral presentation rubric, the presentation is evaluated for assessment purposes.

Assessment Focused Course Descriptions

- **Leadership in Service Organizations (PLP 260)** is a three-credit course with a two-hour classroom component and a lab that includes 30 hours of leadership observation in the field, preferably with a service, governmental, educational, or non-profit organization, although students are also permitted to observe for-profit leaders in a variety of settings. Each student selects a leader/mentor to “shadow” for a period of 10-12 weeks. Through guided in-class discussions and journaling assignments, the students share their observations, reflections, and conclusions with classmates and instructors; in addition, they also meet with classmates in group settings to discuss leadership observations, practices and styles.
- Each scholar prepares a portfolio following course rubric guidelines as well as an oral presentation (using PowerPoint or Prezi software) for an audience of classmates, faculty, and shadow leaders/mentors. The orals are delivered over a two-week period—the last week of class and finals week. Using program-standardized rubrics, faculty observers evaluate the oral presentations and submit them for further review by the academic director. Portfolios are evaluated and graded by the course instructors to determine final grades. The academic director reviews a digital portfolio, comparing the content against programmatic factors (see Program Rubric) and SLOs “assigned” to the course content. (See Curriculum Map.) Binders were retained for comparison with senior portfolios in PLP 460 or 489, but with digital software, comparisons can be made via access to individual student files from year to year.
- In recent semesters, for example, students enrolled in PLP 260 shadowed state legislators, several local attorneys, a veterinarian, a state hospital administrator, numerous non-profit organization directors, area teachers and coaches, the city police chief, and a number of CSU Pueblo leaders, including former university presidents.

- **Working With Experienced Leaders, PLP 460.** Students are placed in a semester-long, individual internship experience that is accompanied by class discussion during weekly work sessions. This assignment requires the composition and negotiation of a contract that is agreed upon by both the organization and faculty advisor. The contract specifies the terms and conditions of the internship and poses fundamental questions the student hopes to answer through the internship experience. PLP 460 requires an average of 4-6 hours per week spent focusing on the internship (minimum semester requirement: attending class as scheduled and 60+ hours on site). This placement requires regular contact with a senior, primary supervisor who can work with the student and evaluate his/her work. This process also requires consultation with Career Center staff to develop a resume, secure internship access (as appropriate), and locate opportunities preparatory to graduation.
- Students who opt for **PLP 489** complete a minimum of 147.5 hours in the field including several limited sessions with faculty. In every case, the core requirement is that each student must take on a leadership role that can be documented in a final portfolio. PLP 489 is offered in spring and summer semesters and is reserved for scholars who are offered in-depth placement opportunities with a lengthier field assignment, often out of town or out of state.
- Although cohort alignment is desirable in PLP, students enter and progress at different rates, permitting completion of requirements quickly and graduation. The PLP 489 option allows for a more individualized program for each student.
- Each scholar submits a comprehensive internship portfolio that includes a 10-page essay reflecting both the experiences of the internship and his/her skills in self-leadership, ethical behavior, problem-solving, and self-evaluation. This encourages each student to examine the Leadership Studies minor through the application of learned and applied principles. Students are evaluated on the ability to research, select, and propose, implement, and evaluate an approved placement plan. They will know how to practice team leadership through active group participation, and respond to these experiences through focused, reflective journaling.
- Partly because of closures, health concerns, and limited resources during the pandemic, students developed opportunities through hybrid and remote options, and several of our recent placements have been hybrid internships by design.
- Beginning in Spring 2021, the PLP faculty encouraged students to co-create their experiential learning, particularly in the 460/489 senior capstone projects. Since then, it has become a primary focus as PLP students are acquainted with the Ultimate Future Self concepts examined in the Honors minor and the Community Impact Certificate.
- The 2024 PLP alumni survey provided several key recommendations to improve student learning; these have been implemented in 2024-25.
- **With the influx of Reisher students, and particularly Reisher transfers, the step by step flow of courses has been “flexed” for students on the short track; Based on the student’s major and/or readiness for graduation, students may take courses out of order or seek an Honors minor equivalent to complete the minor. The Community Impact Certificate is another option for students finishing without a full 18 credits. In many cases, this would include PLP 160 as well as PLP 460 or 489.**

PLP Curriculum Map

Course	160	260	360	460/489	Other
Self-Lead	I	R		E/M	Exp
-Oral	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	
-Written	Essays	Papers, Reports	Journaling	Portfolio	Elec
-Argumentation		Shadowing	Project Development		SLPI
-Reflection	Journaling	Shadowing	Journaling		Vol
Ethics	I	R	R	R/M	Rtrt
-Personal	Sit Analysis	Observation	Observation	Journaling	Elec
-Organizational	Book Reports	Shadowing	Project Reports	Journaling	Summit
-Community		Papers			
Leadership	I	R	R	R/M	Exp
-Major Theories	Testing	Presentation		Portfolio	Norm
-App Theory	Discussion	Papers, Shadowing	Project Assignments	Lead Role	Summit
-Critical Analysis &		Discussion, Papers			
Lead Qualities	I	R	R	E/M	Vol
-Def/Traits	Testing	Presentation	Observation	Journaling	SLPI
-Take on Roles	Grp Project	Presentation & Papers	Team Project	Intern Placement	
-Project Mgmt.	---		Team Project	Intern Placement	Vol/CLA
Crit Thinking	I	R	R	R	
-Def/Basics	Journaling	Shadowing	Team Project	Journaling	SLPI
-Examine		Presentation	Project Reports	Journaling	Summit
-Exercise		Discussions/Papers	Project Completion	Portfolio	Job
Prob-Solving	I	R	E/M	R	Elec
-Basic Activities	Exercises	Presentation		Portfolio	Rtr
-Participation		Shadowing		Internship	Job
-Analysis/Action			Team Project		
-Project Mgmt.			Team Project	Lead Roles	
Civ Engagement	I	R	E/M	R	Vol
-Caring/Helping	Com Ser		Team Project		CLA
-Observe/Anal		Shadowing	Team Project	Journaling	Rtr
-Action			Team Project	Placement	

Course Codes: I=Introduce; R=Reinforce; E=Emphasize; M=Master

Other Codes: Elec= Elective; Exp=Experience; CLA=CLA activities, scholars; Vol=Volunteering; Rtr=PLP annual retreat; SLPI=Student Leadership Practices Inventory; Norm=Normative Tests (SRLS, etc.); Job=Job experience; T=Travel

Assessment Results

- The academic director oversees and evaluates assessment processes, including administration and scoring of normative tests, oversight and implementation of student and alumni survey documents, participation in alliance-wide normative testing as available, and maintains a routine review of course syllabi in conjunction with the director.
- The academic director maintains and distributes aggregate GPA and inventory data to faculty, students, and reporting agencies (as appropriate). In conjunction with the executive director, the AD works with faculty and students to develop strategies for specific course changes, development of new co-curricular activities and opportunities, and elective opportunities.
- Assessment results are used to change course assignments and scheduling, and to elicit new elective choices for students in the minor.
- Because inventories and other measurement devices require funding sources, these items are planned for during the budgeting process. Further, student travel, visits to the annual CLA summit, the annual scholar retreat, and other activities are budgeted through operational funding. The program director routinely applies for additional grants and stipends to supplement PLP initiatives focused on civic engagement and problem-solving.
- PLP scholars meet as a group several times per year where they are updated on program changes, research results, cohort successes, and individual awards. The PLP advisory council meets at the request of the director. PLP faculty members attend CLA events, conferences, and other gatherings to gather new information on best practices and accompany students to events and activities as time and funding allows and participate in workshops focusing on experiential education. Most public events are open to administrators, but the provost and the president are invited to all special events and are copied in on news releases and other notices regarding student or program achievements.
- Students meet with the academic advisor privately and in group advising and information sessions and make advising appointments to get progress updates as needed.

Continuous Processes

The academic director is chiefly responsible for maintaining the assessment processes and keeping the CHL directors apprised of pedagogical changes to improve academic offerings. The AD also oversees the completion of action plans and measurement strategies from year to year.

Now that PLP is a component of the Center for Honors and Leadership (organized in June 2019 through the Provost's Office), recent actions continue to include recruitment, exploration, discussion, development, trial-and-error, and review to see how and where the two programs can create unique student outcomes, combine student groups and activities, create opportunities for collaborative experiential learning, promote student research, and engage new options for growth and development through programmatic and academic change. As noted earlier, the CHL SLOs are now established and will be further developed and measured as necessary to allow better mapping of Leadership Studies and Honors courses. This process will also include the development of new assessment methods that can be reported via CSU Pueblo channels as well as providing opportunities for internal development as well.

A fresh focus on experiential education (EE) was initiated in 2014 to update the service learning/civic engagement foundation of the Leadership Studies minor and the President's Leadership Program as a whole. The academic continued work on the campus EE task force, and the executive director applied

for and earned EE scholar status for Spring 2015. Further, the two directors joined a more academically suitable leadership organization, the Association of Leadership Educators, to gain access to both experiential education opportunities and other emerging pedagogies in leadership education. (Currently, we plan to return to the International Leadership Association for guidelines.) Additionally, the Honors Program has adopted an experiential focus that permits students to utilize experience in both programs to complete the minor, this overlaps into the recently approved certificate in Community Impact.

Recently, PLP faculty met with coordinators of the Pueblo Community College leadership programs to partner with their re-boot of campus program. PCC’s program has been on hiatus for over a year to rebuild their curriculum with a new advisor. We anticipate this to be a positive re-grouping of activities with our sister institution.

In preparation for annual assessment activities, PLP faculty members have agreed to a set of assessment assumptions and to the following:

- Re-write Assessment plans as appropriate to reflect recent course evaluations and to fully align with overall CHL programming and SLOs. Update all core course syllabi to include current learning outcomes language as outlined in the PLP Curriculum Map and consider appropriate crossover opportunities for Honors minors and students seeking Community Impact Certificates. **Ongoing.**
- Convene a new student review board to provide feedback regarding specific leadership courses. Established in 2020-21 to include both PLP and Honors students. **Planned for 2026-27.**
- Review comments from PLP 460/PLP489 internship portfolios to assess self-reported goals and outcomes reported by students and their supervisors for the purpose of building a partners database. **Ongoing**
- Convene faculty retreats (twice per year) and regular meetings with adjunct faculty to assure SLOs are being met, websites are updated, and faculty input for each course is heard. CHL faculty meetings are held weekly every semester to discuss timely matters. **Ongoing**
- Review alumni comments and observations from 2024 alumni survey and utilize ideas and recommendations for course work and programming. **Ongoing**
- Provide academic and programming options and opportunities for Reisher Scholars assigned to the CHL.

Ongoing SLO Assessment Guidelines and Assessment History (following pilot efforts in 2011, 2012)

Academic Year	Outcome(s) Assessed	Assessment Method(s)	Responsible Parties
2013-14	Self-Leadership Civic Engagement	260/460 Portfolios	Orman, Trujillo
2014-15	Self-Leadership Ethics	260/460 Portfolios Ethics Conference Papers + Student Feedback	All PLP staff Moreschini, Orman

2015-16	Self-Leadership Problem-Solving	260/460 Portfolios Experiential Artifacts	All PLP staff Moreschini
2016-17	Self-Leadership (EE) Other: Leadership Theory/ Leadership Qualities**	Experiential Artifacts Discussion Topics; Student portfolios in PLP 260 & 460	Moreschini All PLP staff
2017-18	All: Review of Outcomes	Portfolios; Supervisor Review	All PLP staff
2018-19	Ethics/Ethical Behavior Critical Thinking	Portfolios; Focus Groups and alumni surveys	All PLP staff
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2019-20	Ethical Behavior SLO Re-writes	Class Assignments/Exercises Revised Portfolio Review	All PLP staff Orman
2020-21	Creative Leadership/Ethics	Summative Testing	All PLP staff
2021-22	Civic Engagement/Co-creation	Portfolio and Document Review	All CHL staff
2022-23	Civic Engagement/Prob-Solving	Develop/pilot new instruments	All CHL staff
2023-24	Self-Leadership/Prob-Solving	Four-course artifact review;	All PLP staff
2024-25	Problem-Solving	Junior Cohort	Orman
2025-26	Critical Thinking Self-Leadership	Portfolio Comparisons PLP 160 artifact(s)	Orman/Moreschini
2026-27	Ethics and/or Critical Thinking	All students in PLP courses	Orman

*Based on student, staff, and university feedback, these student learning outcomes may be re-examined as appropriate to meet the overall goals of the President's Leadership Program and the Leadership Studies minor.

Challenges

- Blurred cohort boundaries make assessment an ongoing, semester by semester activity because students come and go throughout the academic year. The cohort perimeters are blurred when students graduate early (or late), change majors, take on extra majors or programs. Flexibility options need to be more obvious to students.
- Program transfers do not complete portfolios/defenses before/upon entry making comparisons and growth values of these students difficult. Post test only. Interventions to capture missing data and provide more "leveling" opportunities are in place but need to be marketed in better ways.
- It is clear through student feedback and faculty discussions that CAS standards and measures have some value as we examine our SLOs for clarity and future development, but use of other normed instruments will help us measure our students against those in other programs.

- Plans to offer course work with broader scope—global perspectives, collaborative efforts with CSU Fort Collins or other statewide leadership programs—have been difficult to establish because of challenges noted above and limited financial resources.
- More ongoing programs to develop “shadowships”, service learning or volunteer placements, and internships need to be developed. Several programs are now in place between CHL and the United Way of Pueblo County, Pueblo Zoo, Pueblo Library District, public school districts, and recently, Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo have provided foundational support for the CHL databases. We are currently establishing program partnerships in the community and plan to continue as opportunities arise.
- Flexing course offerings to accommodate transfers into the program from internal sources and other campuses (PCC, Otero, etc.) means changes in readiness for participation and placement.