

# PARSYSTEM PARSCORE

Would you like:

- To spend less time on SLO Outcomes reporting?
- Automate the process and eliminate manual assessment?
- Facilitate collecting and analyzing SLO data?
- Create immediate reports that analyze test outcomes and assist you in reviewing results and making decisions and changes?

## **Assessment Help is Here!**

The college has a specialized Scantron software system that simplifies SLO assessment reporting. This software, called ParScore, manages student records, analyzes test outcomes and creates reports in a matter of a few minutes. This frees faculty to review the results and make decisions and changes based on the results. It facilitates classroom assessment and makes it easier to collect and analyze data. .

## **PAR SCORE FAQs**

### **What is ParScore?**

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### **Who Uses ParScore?**

In order to use the system, you need a ParScore account and training. At present Department Chairs have ParScore accounts and may authorize faculty to be trained. The training takes about one hour and can be scheduled by calling 714-628-4990.

### **How does ParScore help faculty?**

Par Score enables faculty to:

Spend less time on data collection

Automate the process and eliminate manual data aggregation

Create immediate reports for making data informed outcomes based decisions regarding course and program effectiveness

### **What assessment can I use with ParScore?**

You may use your current department determined SLO assessment instrument, just as you do now. This may be multiple choice, true /false, essay, project, etc.

### **Do I use regular Scantron forms?**

No. ParScore uses specialized Scantron forms. These forms look like the regular forms, but are red in color. The regular forms will not work on the ParScore scanners. The ParScore forms are used for SLO assessment only and not for regular class testing.

### **Are there special instructions for filling out the forms?**

Instructions for students are simple, but it is important that the students be given explicit instructions regarding ID numbers. ID numbers must be entered and bubbled. They must START at the left and leave the last two boxes BLANK (no zeros in those boxes). If the IDs are not correctly marked, the form will not be scored.

### **[Sample ParScore Form](#)**

### **Where do I get these forms?**

The forms are available through the office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment by calling 714-628-4990.

### **Where do I run the forms?**

There are four scanners on campus. They are located in the Academic Success Center (D-209), The Humanities Building (H-207), The Business and Career Technical Education Office (U83), and the Science Building (SC116).

### **After I run the forms, when will the statistical information be available?**

ParScore gives you **immediate feedback** on how you are meeting your course and program objectives that can be shared and discussed in departments to improve teaching and learning. You will select the types of reports you want and print them at the scanner locations or your own office.

### **What reports can I get from ParScore?**

Par Score provides a number of reports.

### **[ParSystem Sample Reports](#)**

#### **How do I start?**

In order to have an account, you must be trained. Call 714-628-4990 for training. After training, an account will be created and instructions will be sent to you. There is also a notebook of instructions next to the ParScore machine in each location. You will begin by creating your courses in the system.

### **What are the instructions to create a course?**

### **[Instructions for Creating A ParScore Course](#)**

### **[Merging Courses in ParScore](#)**

#### **What do Department Chairs need to know?**

As Department Chair, after you have been trained, you will be given a ParScore account and the program will be installed on your desktop. Instructions for using the system will also be sent to you. You may then sign in and create your courses. You will need to set up your courses in ParScore for each semester you are assessing. You may do that any time before you run the assessments. If you do it in advance, it will save you time when you are running the forms. As the department chair, you collect and run the forms for the department, so please instruct your faculty to submit forms to you.

### **Is there an option for a Department Chair to have faculty run their own forms?**

If you wish your faculty to run their own forms and then submit reports to you, **each of them will need to be trained before** they can do that. You will also need to give them access to the courses by allowing them to use the department (your) password and login.

**Who can I contact for help or more information?** Contact the office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment at [powell\\_kay@sccollege.edu](mailto:powell_kay@sccollege.edu) or call 714-628-4990.