# YEARLY PLANNING DISCUSSION TEMPLATE General Questions

Program Name _CHEMISTRY	Academic Year	2024-2025
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<ol> <li>Is your two-year program map in place and v schedule?</li> <li>Yes, the two-year program map is in place and students with overlapping courses. This challer department is having trouble locating a room lar section.</li> </ol>	changes were made to c nge will be tested this Fal	reate access to
4. Were there any staffing changes? There were no full-time staffing changes made d	uring the 2024-2025 fisca	al year.
5. What were your program successes in your a We were able to make sure courses required for were made available and staffed appropriately. changes to CHEM140 and CHEM180 to accommo	certificate, program, and All sections continue to g	grow, with the notable

#### **Learning Outcomes Assessment**

- a. Please summarize key results from this year's assessment. We are still in the process of collecting and inputting data for our chemistry courses.
  - b. Please summarize your reflections, analysis, and interpretation of the learning outcome assessment and data.

We are organizing a group meeting in August to help everyone learn how to input data into the SPOL system.

c. Please summarize recommendations and/or accolades that were made within the program/department.

Be aligning our PLOs and adding this data into SPOL, we will be able to quantify our success rates and institutional effectiveness a little more directly into our program as we implement changes due to new faculty and/or growth.

d. Please review and attach any *changes* to planning documentation, including PLO rubrics, associations, and cycles planning.

We have been working with Erin Krier and Erik Arevalo on making sure our CurriQnet PLOs match those in our SPOL system before training everyone on SPOL.

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Distance Education (DE) Modality Course Design Peer Review Update (Please attach documentation extracted from the *Rubric for Assessing Regular and Substantive Interaction in Distance Education Courses*)

a. Which courses were reviewed for regular and substantive interactions (RSI)?

The online chemistry (CHEM110: Chemistry and Society) course will be reviewed within the six-year timeline. CHEM110 is currently being updated with discussion laboratories that will be peer reviewed using the rubric for assessing the substantive interaction provided by these new labs once properly field tested.

- b. What were some key findings regarding RSI?
  - Some strengths:
  - Some areas of possible improvement:
- c. What is the plan for improvement?

#### CTE two-year review of labor market data and pre-requisite review

a. Does the program meet documented labor market demand?

The chemistry courses offered through the Life and Physical Science department are typically utilized for transferring to the university system and not directly into the workforce.

b. How does the program address needs that are not met by similar programs?

We work to make sure our courses that are required for degrees are available and staffed.

c. Does the employment, completion, and success data of students indicate program effectiveness and vitality? Please, explain.

Yes, the Focus Discussion on Enrollment Trends and Efficiency included in this report convey very strong success data across all demographics.

d. Has the program met the Title 5 requirements to review course prerequisites, and advisories within the prescribed cycle of every 2 year for CTE programs and every 5 years for all others?

The course outlines for all courses with prerequisites and advisories will be reviewed within the five-year timeline.

e. Have recommendations from the previous report been addressed?

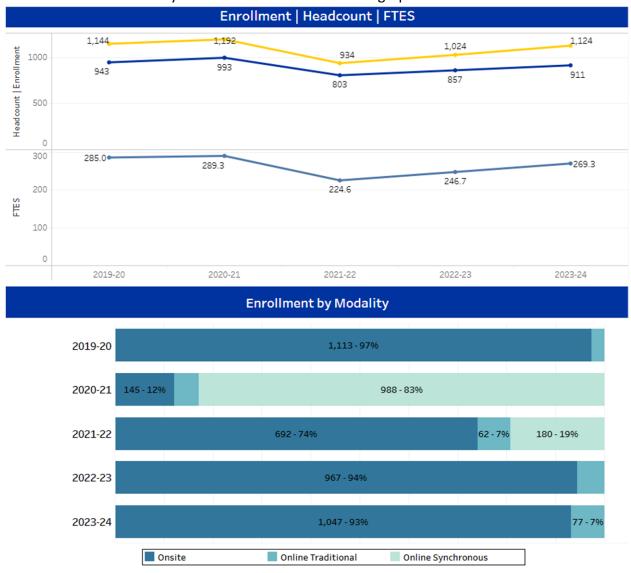
## Area of Focus Discussion Template ENROLLMENT TRENDS AND EFFICIENCY

**Enrollment Trends and Efficiency** – look for areas of growth or decline, relationship to the college and similar programs, and head count (enrollment and full-time equivalents for students and full-time equivalents faculty).

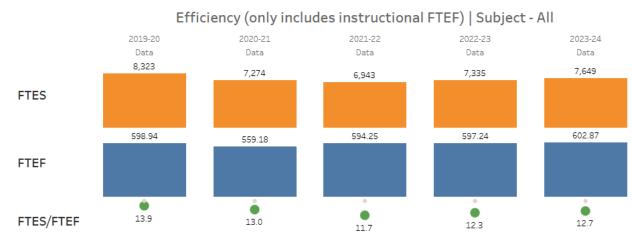
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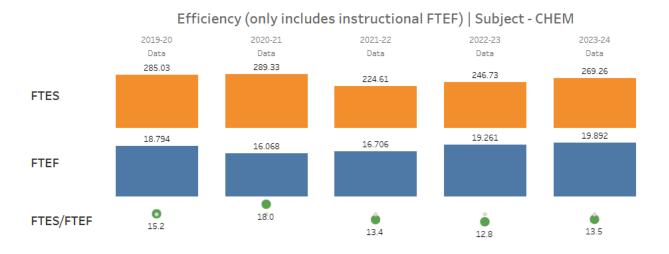
Demographics, headcount/enrollment, along with retention, success and efficiency fill rates in the Chemistry program were analyzed and compared to Hancock College as a whole.

Headcount and enrollment FTES have resumed their typical numbers after the COVID-19 pandemic, showing 1,144 in 2019-2020, dipping down to 803 in 2021-2022, but now back up to 1,124 in 2023-2024 as seen by the Institutional Effectiveness graph below.



FTES are still lower than normal, only achieving 269.3, recovering from an initial FTES of 285 back in 2019-2020. The FTES did fall down to 224.6 in 2021-2022; however, our FTES/FTEF efficiency rate of 13.5 has remained higher compared to the AHC average of 12.7 for the 2023-2024 year as shown by the data below:





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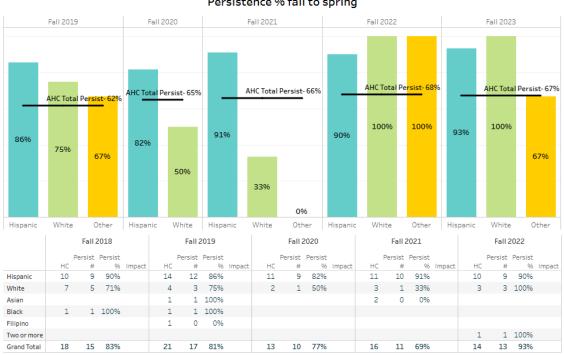
Demographics comparing male vs. female students was encouraging when compared to the averages of the college as a whole. Female:Male FTES for 2023 were 93% for the chemistry department compared to 67% for the campus whole.

1<sup>st</sup> time persistence for the chemistry courses showed 83% for males, 100% for females, with Hispanics showing a 90% persistence rate in the chemistry courses when compared to the 67% for the Hancock campus. The following data tables disaggregate the population groups attending Hancock.

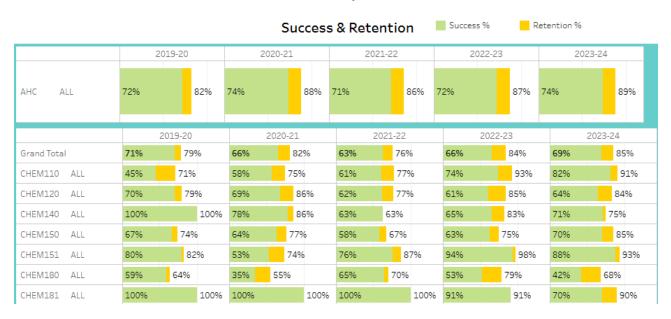
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Success and retention rates for the Hancock campus were 74% success rate and an 89% retention rate. Comparing the chemistry courses success and retention rates showed a low success rate of 42% for the initial organic chemistry course. This was due to the course being the initial step for medical and other professions that require attendance at universities and professional programs. We have requested additional technology supplies requiring updating the laptops and software to ensure our students are getting the training and exposure required. The other success rate that also represents the challenge of the course content was CHEM120 at 64%. We are working with the STEM center to create Basic Skills courses the students can take to help increase their success rates in all of their Life and Physical Science courses.



Retention rates were comparable to the campus whole. AHC showed a retention rate of 89% while the chemistry courses showed a retention rate of 85%. Again the challenge and rigor of our courses ensures that when students leave our program, they will continue to be successful.

2. Based on the data analysis and looking through a lens of equity, what do you perceive as *challenges* with student success or access in your area of focus?

The most significant challenge has been to find qualified staffing, available lab and lecture rooms and adequate funding for our program. Although we offer more sections of CHEM 120, 150, and 151, the waitlists show the need has not yet been met. The CHEM120 waitlists are completely full in some sections. To do so, we need to ensure that there are adequate lecture rooms, laboratories, teaching staff, support staff, and funding for sufficient equipment, supplies, and technology.

3. What are your plans for change or *innovation*?

We have begun discussing Concurrent Enrollment to help ease some of the CHEM120 course load at Hancock College. We must make sure to keep the rigor for these classes at those satellite campuses, which brings its own challenges. We have expanded our organic chemistry series to help accommodate those waitlists; therefore additional technology equipment and software is being requested.

4. How will you measure the results of your plans to determine if they are successful?

We will continue to analyze the data provided by our Institutional Effectiveness.

Based on the narratives for the prompts above, what are some program planning initiatives and resources needed for the upcoming years?

	New Program Planning Initiative (Objective) – Core Topic Only
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Planning years:	2025 - 2026
	Description:
	ng exposure to certain software when taking the chemistry series. Additionally, e resources for the students learning basic Word, Excel, and Powerpoint skills.
What college plans	are associated with this Objective? (Please select from the list below):
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#### Resource Requests: Please see the attached Excel Resource Request file.

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