

19. Assessment Center (Redesign and Expand).

Goal A4

- A4. Redesign of the Assessment Center to permit more flexible approaches to assessment and enable multiple assessment activities to occur simultaneously. Planning should include careful articulation of Assessment Center space functions with those provided by the ACT Center.

Problem Statement

The current Assessment Center is designed to accommodate group testing using paper and pencil tests. Recent reconfiguration of this space has added a small number of stations appropriate for individualized computerized testing. The new layout has several problems, including the fact that the HVAC within the facility is not designed to support the current layout and there are not enough individualized testing stations to support a comprehensive assessment effort. The current Center is too small to handle optimally-sized testing groups. Secured storage is limited and the design of the Center makes it difficult for the Assessment Center to be used with multiple testing activities occurring simultaneously.

The proposed relocation of the Student Systems Service spaces from the current ground floor Bonnell south location to a larger space within the northern end of the ground floor of the Bonnell Building creates an opportunity to either expand the Assessment Center at its current location or to relocate to a different, better designed location. The advent of wireless technology will make some of the Assessment Center activities (i.e., computer-based testing less place bound) and may facilitate more flexible assessment activities in the future. The growth of distance-learning opportunities at the College will create an increased demand for individualized testing support space. Similarly, the College's goals to expand credit-by-examination and credit-for-experience assessment may make greater demands on the Assessment Center in the future than is currently the case.

Cost Estimate

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Total Construction Cost	\$215,290.00
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(Note: All estimates are in 2003 dollars. On average, construction costs increase 1% to 2% per year. See detailed cost estimate prepared by Turner Construction in Appendix A)



Bonnell Ground Floor

- 1 *Instructional Development Technology Center*
- 2 *Assessment Center*

