Course Assessment – Part B: Your Results & Analysis

Part B: Your Results
Directions
1. Report the outcome achievement data gathered via the assignments, tests, etc. you identified for each outcome (question 3) of your Part A.

Outcome 1: Exam: On Exam 1, 21 out of 24 students earned 3 out of 4 points in calculating the % DV of Cholesterol of the Nutrition Facts panel from two separate food labels in order to discuss which food product would be the best choice for a low cholesterol diet based on the quick guidelines goal of 5%.

Outcome 2: Assignment: 20 out of 24 students earned 16 out of 20 points in using their 3-Day food intake data to determine Refined Sugar vs Complex Carbohydrates/Natural Sugar intake related to the standard goals of 10% RS and 48% CC/NS.

Outcome 3: Exam: 17 out of 24 students earned 5 out of 6 points in listing three antipromoter nutrients or non-nutrients then explain why they are listed in that category in relationship to Cancer.

Outcome #1
Analyze the “Nutrition Facts” panel of a food label and calculate % DV of Cholesterol
Exam: On the final exam 21 out of 24 earned 3 out of 4 points or higher in calculating the %DV from the Nutrition Facts panel of two different food labels. For Exam 1, 18 out of 27 earned 3 out of 4 points.

% of students who successfully achieved the outcome (C or above) *
Final Exam: 87.5% Exam 1: 66.6%

Outcome #2
Analyze and critique a personal 3–Day diet survey and determine nutrient content:
Assignment: 2 out of 24 students earned 16 out of 20 points in using their 3–Day food intake data to determine Refined Sugar vs Complex Carbohydrates/Natural Sugar intake related to the standard goals of 10% RS and 48% CC/NS.

% of students who successfully achieved the outcome (C or above) *
83.3%

Outcome #3
Describe the nutritient and non–nutrient recommendations for reducing the risk of major diseases where diet is a significant risk factor:
Exam: 17 out of 24 students earned 5 out of 6 points in listing three antipromoter nutrients or non–nutrients then explain why they are listed in that category in relationship to Cancer.

% of students who successfully achieved the outcome (C or above) *
70.8%

ANALYSIS
3. What contributed to student success and/or lack of success? *

Outcome 1: 87.5% of the students achieved 100% the points for the exam question on the Final which was an improvement over the first exam at 66.6%. However, 3 students who missed the question on the first exam dropped the class so the improvement is a little skewed. If those students were dropped, then the first exam results would be around 78%. Therefore, 3 students were able to improve their outcome from the first exam. Students were able to review the exam 1 question for preparation for the Final Exam.

Outcome 2: Student outcomes were 83.3% which indicates that students did understand how to calculate Refined Sugars vs. Complex Carbohydrates/Natural Sugar levels in their diet. The ones who did not earn full points for the exam had problems mainly with the calculations or did not complete the calculations. I do not believe it was a matter of understanding what was expected.

Outcome 3: Only 70.8% of students were able to list and explain 3 nutritional antipromoters for determining nutritional risk of cancer. 91.6% were able to list 3 antipromoters, but 29% were not able to explain why they were listed as such. More emphasis needs to be placed on making sure students understand why and will be expected to remember that information.

4. Helping students to realistically self-assess and reflect on their understanding and progress encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning. Consider comparing your students’ perception of their end-of-term understanding/mastery of the three outcomes (found in student evaluations) to your assessment (above) of student achievement of the three outcomes. *

Outcome 1: There does not seem to be an issue with understanding how to calculate %DV for Cholesterol as the improvement of presenting the material has been updated due to past assessment outcomes for other food label calculations. Retention of the information was maintained from the first exam to the final exam with some improvement from those who were not successful. Emphasis will continue to help students retain information.

Outcome 2: There does not seem to be an issue with understanding how to determine Refined Sugars vs. Complex Carbohydrates/Natural Sugars although there were several questions about what was meant by Refined Sugars. So the use of PowerPoints and example analysis seems to be working, but additional information about what is considered Refined for this assignment may be warranted.

Outcome 3: Making sure that the term Nutritional is understood still seems to be an issue with risk factor questions as it was with the assessment from Fall, 2016. New audios that were implemented did emphasize not using alcohol, smoking and exercise as nutritional recommendations. Students were able to list three recommendations that would antipromote (cancer reducing) risk, but had difficulty giving a reason why. Emphasis on the “why” part of the question needs to be addressed.

5. Did student achievement of outcomes meet your expectations for successfully teaching to each outcome (question 4 from Part A) *

Outcome 3: No as the outcome did not meet the 80% goal.

6. Based on your analysis in the questions above, what course adjustments are warranted (curricular, pedagogical, student instruction, etc.)? *

Outcome 1: There does not seem to be an issue with calculating the % DV of Cholesterol for the majority of the students. No adjustments warranted.

Outcome 2: There does not seem to be an issue with understanding how to determine Refined Sugars vs. Complex Carbohydrates/Natural Sugars in foods. No changes are needed for this outcome.

Outcome 3: Making sure that the term Nutritional is understood still seems to be an issue with risk factor questions as it was with the assessment from Fall, 2016. Most students understood that antipromoters decrease cancer risk, but 29%
were either not able to explain why or listed smoking or exercise as nutritional. I will somehow try to improve the emphasis on why.

7. What resources would be required to implement your recommended course adjustments (materials, training, equipment, etc.)? What budget implications result?

No additional resources would be required to make the improvements. Just adding emphasis and clarity should suffice.

8. Reflect on any adjustments you made from the last assessment of this course (if applicable) and their effectiveness in student achievement of outcomes. *

Yes.
1) As a consumer, reading food labels and interpreting them for health reasons is important. Overall students improved from Fall, 2016 and evaluations showed a better understanding.
2) Students were able to analyze their food intake and assess their food intake levels and see what changes could be made to improve nutrient intakes.
3) I think this assessment showed that I did not emphasize the "why" enough for students or the understanding of "Nutritional".

9. Describe how you have shared information about course outcomes with your students.

Outcome 1: After Exam 1, I did send a message about questions missed and did emphasize the need to understand the Food Label calculations for the final.
Outcome 2: As part of the grading criteria, I gave a detailed explanation of how the question was assessed.
Since the question about Antipromoters was on the final exam, I did not share this information with students.

10. Please describe any changes/additions to instruction, curriculum or assessment that you made to support students in better achieving the CGCC Core Learning Outcomes:
CLO #1: Communication. The areas that faculty are focusing on are: "Source and Evidence" and "Organization and Presentation" and
CLO #2: Critical Thinking/Problem Solving. The areas that faculty are focusing on are: "Student's Position" (Critical Thinking) and "Evaluate Potential Solutions" (Problem Solving).

I made no changes to instruction to meet these outcomes this term.