GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY RUBRIC FOR GENERAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

	Exceeds Standard (4)	Meets Standard (3)	Approaches Standard (2)	Needs Attention (1)
Students will be able to explain major theories or concepts in one or more of the major areas of philosophy, e.g., metaphysics, epistemology, logic, or value theory.	Clearly, accurately, and with nuance describes the basic tenants of theories or concepts in such a way that it can be skillfully differentiated between other ideas.	Clearly and accurately describes the basic tenants of theories or concepts in such a way that it can be differentiated between other ideas.	Partially or ineffectively describes the basic tenants of theories or concepts in such a way that it may not be properly differentiated between other ideas.	Fails to describe or inaccurately describes the basic tenants of theories or concepts in such a way that it may not be or cannot be differentiated between other ideas.
Students will be able to use analytical tools, such as reflection, comparison, or argumentation, to engage in critical thinking.	Uses analytical tools to thoughtfully and critically examine theories, concepts, or ideas in their own words; provides full and persuasive support of rationale; remains impartial with little to no influence of bias.	Uses analytical tools to examine theories, concepts, or ideas; provides adequate and credible support of rationale; remains mostly impartial with minimal influence of bias.	Uses analytical tools to partially or ineffectively examine theories, concepts, or ideas; provides partial and plausible support of rationale; remains somewhat impartial with some influence of bias.	Uses analytical tools to unclearly examine or fails to examine theories, concepts, or ideas; provides minimal and inconclusive support of rationale; fails to remain impartial with influence of bias.