

## **CSC faculty members collaborate with ESU 13**

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CHADRON — Chadron State College psychology professor Dr. Bill Roweton is collaborating with education professor Dr. Linda Brown and Educational Service Unit 13 staff members Julie Downing and Craig Hicks on a grant-funded project intended to help educators better understand student assessment data.

The Nebraska Education Association awarded a \$5,000 grant to the group for the project.

“We will be developing tools to assist teachers in becoming more comfortable with psychometrics, especially data qualities like fairness, reliability, validity. Improved assessment literacy and data literacy are our goals. As educators gain more value from data, they can better interpret test results for parents of students, some who are uneasy with standardized test results,” Roweton said.

The group will submit a report about their efforts to NEA in January. Following submission of the report, a test version of free online resources for P-12 teachers developed during the project will be placed on a website hosted by ESU 13.

“This work brings together the technical expertise of Dr. Roweton and the field experiences of ESU 13 and Panhandle schools. This partnership aims to take a complex topic like assessment and make it accessible to communities, educators, parents and students,” Downing said.