

Person-Centered Assessment Tool (PCAT) 1.1

The Person-Centered Assessment Tool (PCAT) 1.1 has been designed as a teaching and learning tool for the student of design, practicing professional seeking further knowledge, and the lay person or professional in an allied field. The success of the Tool's use will depend on the interest brought by the user or participant. To ensure you have all PCAT components, please take a moment to review the following list. In addition to this cover sheet, your PCAT package should include the following information:

- Introduction to the PCAT (2 pages);
- An explanation of the Performance Functioning Categories (12 pages);
- **Overview of phenomenology and impact of Rudolf Steiner's work (TBD)**
- The Person-Centered Assessment Tool (PCAT) 1.1 (April 2006)

The assessment tool is intended to fulfill three primary objectives:

- To aid reviewers – whether design professionals or laypeople – in evaluating the degree to which a building or space meets the performance needs of users across the spectrum of ability and age.
- To broaden the public understanding of Person-Centered Design beyond the needs of persons with disabilities and the Universal Design movement to approach design that supports and nourishes all persons and all users as part of the Global community.
- To increase awareness of Person-Centered Design, Sustainability, and human and building performance in the built environment.

We understand that the fundamentals of an evolving design ideology require assessment, testing, observation, and innovation that are contextual- we hope that this tool is successful in challenging the user. We recognize that field use of the assessment tool and understanding design through analyzing our built contexts is as vital as the process of assessment itself. Therefore, we would appreciate your questions, suggestions, and any other feedback that you might have regarding the framework and/or use of this tool. LIEBSTUDIOS: architecture can be contacted at (978) 745-9541, email info@liebstudios.com with PCAT in the subject line.