Large-scale assessments (LSAs) play a growing role in education policy decisions, accountability, and education planning worldwide. This book focuses on central issues that are key components of successful planning, development and implementation of LSAs. The book’s main distinction is its focus on practice-based, cutting-edge research. This is achieved by
having chapters co-authored by world-class researchers in collaboration with measurement practitioners. The result is a how-to book whose language is accessible to practitioners and graduate students as well as academics. No other book so thoroughly covers current issues in the field of large-scale assessment. An introductory chapter is followed by sixteen chapters that each focus on a specific issue. The content is prescriptive and didactic in nature but based on the most recent scientific research. It includes successful experiences, exemplary practices, training modules, interesting breakthroughs or alternatives, and promising innovations regarding large-scale assessments. Finally, it covers meaningful topics that are currently taking center stage such as motivating students, background questionnaires, comparability of different linguistic versions of assessments, and cognitive modeling of learning and assessment.

Learn effective ways to assess and evaluate reference services in YOUR library. Innovation and the constant evolution of technology continually spur academic librarians to find superior ways to deliver high quality reference service to students, faculty, and researchers. Reference Assessment and Evaluation offers librarians and administrators a plethora of fresh ideas and methods to effectively assess and evaluate reference service in any academic library. Leading experts share their own best practices in delivering digital reference, training staff and student workers, and providing instruction through case studies from academic libraries of all sizes. Because of fiscal pressures, the need to attract the best and brightest students and faculty to the academy, and increased competition from Internet search engines, the evaluation and assessment of reference service remains one of the most important challenges for academic libraries. Reference Assessment and Evaluation provides practical tips and clear examples on assessing and evaluating several diverse aspects of reference services. This book discusses in detail case studies from various colleges and universities on wide-ranging issues such as virtual reference evaluation, merging reference desks, peer evaluations, library instruction, and staff development. Academic libraries of all types will find opportunities to modify these innovative ideas to remain at the forefront of reference service. Topics in Reference Assessment and Evaluation include: a case study of the library at the University of Colorado at Boulder's efforts to implement a drop-in research consultation program for students.
enrolled in the introductory writing course coordination of an annual professional
development program for specialized instruction targeted at faculty and staff members at
Colorado State University peer observation between the reference staff members of Augustana
College Library and St. Ambrose University Library the merging of San Jose State University's
government publication desk with the reference services desk—along with the public library's
reference desk Valparaiso University's main library's training and use of student assistants
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the University of South Alabama's Baugh Biomedical Library's chat reference service
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for staffing needs at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Reference Assessment and
Evaluation is timely, important reading for academic references librarians and
supervisors. This classic introduction to educational and psychological measurement provides a
technically rigorous treatment of the core issues in measurement in an easy-to-read and easy-
to-comprehend way. In preparing readers to become independent users of test information, it
describes problems in measurement, explains how these problems are approached and solved,
surveys a broad range of sources, and provides guidance in how to find, evaluate, and
integrate information about specific tests. This book focuses on the basic issues in
measurement. Offers an exceptionally readable presentation that does not require extensive
math background. Makes frequent cross references to related topics found in other chapters.
Increases emphasis on the assessments used by counselor/school psychologist. Provides examples
of good and poor test items to help the reader prepare better tests. Discusses other teacher-
made evaluation procedures such as performance assessments and rating scales. Reviews a
variety of standardized tests. "This book provides a view of the possibilities and challenges
facing online educators and evaluators in the 21st century"—Provided by publisher. Classroom
Assessment and Educational Measurement explores the ways in which the theory and practice of
both educational measurement and the assessment of student learning in classroom settings
mutually inform one another. Chapters by assessment and measurement experts consider the
nature of classroom assessment information, from student achievement to affective and socio-
emotional attributes; how teachers interpret and work with assessment results; and emerging issues in assessment such as digital technologies and diversity/inclusion. This book uniquely considers the limitations of applying large-scale educational measurement theory to classroom assessment and the adaptations necessary to make this transfer useful. Researchers, graduate students, industry professionals, and policymakers will come away with an essential understanding of how the classroom assessment context is essential to broadening contemporary educational measurement perspectives. This volume brings together educational effectiveness research and international large-scale assessments, demonstrating how the two fields can be applied to inspire and improve each other, and providing readers direct links to instruments that cover a broad range of topics and have been shown to work in more than 70 countries. The book’s initial chapters introduce and summarize recent discussions and developments in the conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of international large-scale context assessments and provide an outlook on possible future developments. Subsequently, three thematic sections – “Student Background”, “Outcomes of Education Beyond Achievement”, and “Learning in Schools” – each present a series of chapters that provide the conceptual background for a wide range of important topics in education research, policy, and practice. Each chapter defines a conceptual framework that relates recent findings in the educational effectiveness research literature to current issues in education policy and practice. These frameworks were used to develop interesting and relevant indicators that may be used for meaningful reporting from international assessments, other cross-cultural research, or national studies. Using the example of one particular survey (the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA 2015)), this volume links all theoretical considerations to fully developed questionnaire material that was field trailed and evaluated in questionnaires for students and their parents as well as teachers and principals in their schools. The primary purposes of this book are to inform readers about how education effectiveness research and international large-scale assessments are already interacting to inform research and policymaking; to identify areas where a closer collaboration of both fields or input from other areas could further improve this work; to provide sound theoretical frameworks for future work in both fields; and finally to relate these theoretical debates to currently
available and evaluated material for future context assessments. On educational tests, measurement and evaluation techniques. Assessment and evaluation are central to the educational system of a country as they impact the national policy of education, besides helping in framing future strategies for growth of the nation. The process of measurement, evaluation and assessment is interlinked with curriculum and teaching-learning methods enabling learning outcomes to be determined. Good quality assessment is instrumental in determining a student’s future goal and career path, besides impacting all stakeholders of the school system. An effective school system cannot be built where the students are examined on the basis of mere paper and pencil tests. Today schools have access to the use of a range of techniques for student’s assessment, teacher performance, school’s effectiveness and the evaluation of the school system as a whole. The aim of the book is to provide an in-depth knowledge and understanding of measurement, evaluation and statistics in education—both from theoretical and practical aspects. It also offers a concise, step-by-step guide that helps in making assessment simple and economical in terms of money and time, besides being a boon for any institution. The book contains effective strategies to facilitate enhanced learning by explaining the interpretation of test scores. It has several Illustrative examples drawn from the author’s experience. Portfolios are proving to be a great way of assessment, and how to incorporate them in the teaching-learning process is dealt with in detail. Instructions for constructing rubrics for evaluation of different domains of learning, i.e., cognitive, psychomotor and affective have also been included in the book. Item analysis, basic statistics and different types of tests are discussed elaborately. Education is a hot topic. From the stage of presidential debates to tonight's dinner table, it is an issue that most Americans are deeply concerned about. While there are many strategies for improving the educational process, we need a way to find out what works and what doesn't work as well. Educational assessment seeks to determine just how well students are learning and is an integral part of our quest for improved education. The nation is pinning greater expectations on educational assessment than ever before. We look to these assessment tools when documenting whether students and institutions are truly meeting education goals. But we must stop and ask a crucial question: What kind of assessment is most effective? At a time when
traditional testing is subject to increasing criticism, research suggests that new, exciting approaches to assessment may be on the horizon. Advances in the sciences of how people learn and how to measure such learning offer the hope of developing new kinds of assessments—assessments that help students succeed in school by making as clear as possible the nature of their accomplishments and the progress of their learning. Knowing What Students Know essentially explains how expanding knowledge in the scientific fields of human learning and educational measurement can form the foundations of an improved approach to assessment. These advances suggest ways that the targets of assessment—what students know and how well they know it—as well as the methods used to make inferences about student learning can be made more valid and instructionally useful. Principles for designing and using these new kinds of assessments are presented, and examples are used to illustrate the principles. Implications for policy, practice, and research are also explored. With the promise of a productive research-based approach to assessment of student learning, Knowing What Students Know will be important to education administrators, assessment designers, teachers and teacher educators, and education advocates.

Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement: An Introduction to Practice, Second Edition offers an accessible, practical introduction to program evaluation and performance measurement for public and non-profit organizations, and has been extensively updated since the first edition. Using examples, it covers topics in a detailed fashion, making it a useful guide for students as well as practitioners who are participating in program evaluations or constructing and implementing performance measurement systems. Authors James C. McDavid, Irene Huse, and Laura R. L. Hawthorn guide readers through conducting quantitative and qualitative program evaluations, needs assessments, cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses, as well as constructing, implementing and using performance measurement systems. The importance of professional judgment is highlighted throughout the book as an intrinsic feature of evaluation practice. "This book covers the basics of traditional educational testing, measurement, and evaluation theory and methodology, as well as sociopolitical issues and trends influencing the future of that research and practice."—Publisher's description.

Thoroughly revised and updated, the third edition features a new section on epidemiology and further develops international perspectives. This edition also features improved readability in measurement statistics and enhanced efficiency in solving measurement and evaluation problems through the use of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Additional features that are new to this edition: -Revised first chapter that lays the groundwork for improved learning throughout the text -Inclusion of a specific downloadable data set that is used as an example in many chapters -Removal of outdated and complicated statistical techniques, eliminating the need for a background in higher-level mathematics -Additional computer tasks in each chapter that tie earlier learning to specific applications -Decision scenarios similar to those made by human performance professionals to help students apply decision making skills to practical, real-life problems. The text also increases the number of problem sets and places a greater emphasis on student-friendly learning through its learning aids, including chapter objectives, measurement and evaluation challenges, highlight features, mastery items, and new computer tasks for each chapter. Measurement and Evaluation in Human Performance, Third Edition, will appeal to students by engaging them in the material to increase their comprehension, and to professionals through its depth of information and ease in locating it. Includes an online study guide! To assist students using the text, Measurement and Evaluation in Human Performance, Third Edition, has a companion online student study guide that allows students to interactively practice, review, and develop their understanding of measurement and evaluation processes so that they can make strong grades and valid decisions. Students will receive free access to the study guide with the purchase of a new text, or it may be purchased as a separate component. The online study guide is designed to help students learn, understand, and practice the main concepts of each chapter. Students will find selected answers to mastery items from the text, homework problems, selected homework answers, data matrices to download, and multiple choice quizzes designed to test their knowledge of the textbook material. They will also find lecture outlines created by the authors to help them learn the key concepts, as well as links to related sites on the Web and a variety of test tips."This book explores the development of online assessment and the way practitioners of online learning can modify their methodologies in the design, development,
and delivery of their instruction to best accommodate their participants"--Provided by publisher.

This book offers a comprehensive overview of current, innovative approaches to assessing generic and domain-specific learning outcomes in higher education at both national and international levels. It discusses the most significant initiatives over the past decade to develop objective, valid, and reliable assessment tools and presents state-of-the-art procedures to adapt and validate them for use in other countries. The authors highlight key conceptual and methodological challenges connected with intra-national and cross-national assessment of learning outcomes in higher education; introduce novel approaches to improving assessment, evaluation, testing, and measurement practices; and offer exemplary implementation frameworks. Further, they examine the results of and lessons learned from various recent, world-renowned research programs and feasibility studies, and present results from their own studies to provide new insights into how to draw valid conclusions about learning outcomes achieved in various contexts.

"In this book, 37 international academics illustrate how authentic assessment is an effective measure of intellectual achievement as it requires the demonstration of deep understanding and complex problem solving through the performance of exemplary tasks. By exploring the concept of authentic assessment in both tertiary and school education, the authors in these chapters argue that authentic assessment is not only the measurement of significant intellectual accomplishments but also an important pedagogical structure. Authentic assessment is a concept more closely defined as an umbrella term that seeks to immerse learners in environments where they can gain highly practical and lifelong learning skills. Authentic assessment has been on the educational agenda for a number of years and keeps being a powerful tool for assessing students' 21st century competencies in the context of global educational reforms. Contributors are: Pınar Akyıldız, Fatma Nur Aktaş, Chrysoula Arcoudis, Tasos Barkatsas, Michael Belcher, Antonios Bouras, Athina Chalkiadaki, Jere Confrey, Rebecca Cooper, Yüksel Dede, Paul Denny, Zara Ersozlu, Ivan Fortunato, Linda Hobbs, Marj Horne, Fragkiskos Kalavasis, Katerina Kasimatis, Belinda Kennedy, Gillian Kidman, Huk Yuen Law, Susan Ledger, Kathy Littlewood, Jiabo Liu, Michelle Ludecke, Tricia McLaughlin, Juanjo Mena, Andreas Moutsios-Rentzos, Greg Oates, Anastasia Papadopoulou, Fabiano Pereira dos Santos,
The purpose of this text is to present measurement concepts within the framework of contemporary evaluation. This book is designed primarily for use in either an introductory level graduate course or a senior level undergraduate course. Educational Tests and Measurements in the Age of Accountability is a core text for use in a first level graduate course in educational measurement and testing. In addition to covering the topics traditionally found in core textbooks for this course, this text also provides coverage of contemporary topics (including national testing programs, international achievement comparisons, the value added assessment of schools and teachers, and the public policy debate on selective admissions vs. affirmative minority enrollment). The focus is on how students experience classroom learning activities and how they learn from that experience.

Previous edition: Measurement for evaluation in physical education and exercise science / Ted A. Baumgartner. 8th ed. 2007. In this valuable resource, well-known scholars present a detailed understanding of contemporary theories and practices in the fields of measurement, assessment, and evaluation, with guidance on how to apply these ideas for the benefit of students and institutions. Bringing together terminology, analytical perspectives, and methodological advances, this second edition facilitates informed decision-making while connecting the latest thinking in these methodological areas with actual practice in higher education. This research handbook provides higher education administrators, student affairs personnel, institutional researchers, and faculty with an integrated volume of theory, method, and application. Prev. editions entered under: Linn, Robert L. Assessment is an important part of effective teaching and learning. It allows achievements to be recognized and helps both teachers and learners to reflect on and review their performance and progress. While assessment has long been an end-of-learning activity to measure what learners can do, the outcome-oriented approach does not always foster learning motivation effectively. A new perspective now encourages ongoing appraisal in the classroom to improve learning. This book reflects current thinking of assessment with a stated focus on assessment for learning (AfL). It informs teachers about the latest developments and provides teachers with important tools for integrating assessment in the classroom. The discussions on
assessment theories are in-depth and the examples used for illustrating the concepts are plentiful. This book takes a learner-oriented approach as it strives to make complex material understandable and usable. By understanding the underlying principles of measurement and evaluation, readers will then be able to apply those principles and concepts in a variety of physical activity and health-related settings. Practical exercises and applications demonstrate the usefulness of measurement and evaluation, reinforce key points, and make readers active participants in their own education. The book is divided into three parts. Part One introduces the measurement process, showing readers the relevance of measurement and evaluation to their personal and professional lives, and including examples and statistics related to such concepts as validity, reliability, and objectivity. The two chapters in Part Two further help readers understand numbers and assist those who need to use more advanced statistical calculations. Part Three presents measurement and evaluation applications in various settings, such as measuring physical fitness; measuring exercise, physical activity, and health; measuring in competitive sports and coaching; measuring and evaluating knowledge and assigning grades; and measuring in research. Throughout, discussions and examples show the relevance and application of measurement and evaluation in various professions, including physical therapy, athletic training, fitness/wellness management, exercise and sport psychology, exercise science, coaching, and physical education. The routine jobs of yesterday are being replaced by technology and/or shipped off-shore. In their place, job categories that require knowledge management, abstract reasoning, and personal services seem to be growing. The modern workplace requires workers to have broad cognitive and affective skills. Often referred to as "21st century skills," these skills include being able to solve complex problems, to think critically about tasks, to effectively communicate with people from a variety of different cultures and using a variety of different techniques, to work in collaboration with others, to adapt to rapidly changing environments and conditions for performing tasks, to effectively manage one's work, and to acquire new skills and information on one's own. The National Research Council (NRC) has convened two prior workshops on the topic of 21st century skills. The first, held in 2007, was designed to examine research on the skills required for the 21st century workplace and the extent to which they are
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meaningfully different from earlier eras and require corresponding changes in educational experiences. The second workshop, held in 2009, was designed to explore demand for these types of skills, consider intersections between science education reform goals and 21st century skills, examine models of high-quality science instruction that may develop the skills, and consider science teacher readiness for 21st century skills. The third workshop was intended to delve more deeply into the topic of assessment. The goal for this workshop was to capitalize on the prior efforts and explore strategies for assessing the five skills identified earlier. The Committee on the Assessment of 21st Century Skills was asked to organize a workshop that reviewed the assessments and related research for each of the five skills identified at the previous workshops, with special attention to recent developments in technology-enabled assessment of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In designing the workshop, the committee collapsed the five skills into three broad clusters as shown below: Cognitive skills: nonroutine problem solving, critical thinking, systems thinking Interpersonal skills: complex communication, social skills, teamwork, cultural sensitivity, dealing with diversity Intrapersonal skills: self-management, time management, self-development, self-regulation, adaptability, executive functioning Assessing 21st Century Skills provides an integrated summary of the presentations and discussions from both parts of the third workshop. Going into its eighth edition, this book is a classic in the field of educational measurement. It was written from the point of view of the classroom teacher to answer the question, "What does a teacher need to know about the development and evaluation of educational measures and assessments?" This book fosters an understanding of how assessment and instruction are interrelated. It also cultivates learning the techniques and skills needed to develop tests and other evaluation procedures (e.g. portfolios), as well as teaches students to understand how to evaluate the validity and reliability of tests. Unlike many books in educational measurement, this book also gives readers what they need to know to properly interpret the results from standardized achievement and scholastic aptitude tests. Topics include: test reliability and validity; meaning and application of the norms; extraneous factors that influence performance of cognitive tests; the development of educational measures; and more. Teachers, principals, and counselors. Increased demands for
colleges and universities to engage in outcomes assessment for accountability purposes have accelerated the need to bridge the gap between higher education practice and the fields of measurement, assessment, and evaluation. The Handbook on Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation in Higher Education provides higher education administrators, student affairs personnel, institutional researchers who generate and analyze data, and faculty with an integrated handbook of theory, method, and application. This valuable resource brings together applied terminology, analytical perspectives, and methodological advances from the fields of measurement, assessment, and evaluation to facilitate informed decision-making in higher education. Special Features: Contributing Authors are world-renowned scholars across the fields of measurement, assessment, and evaluation, including: Robert E. Stake, Trudy W. Banta, Michael J. Kolen, Noreen M. Webb, Kurt Geisinger, Robert J. Mislevy, Ronald K. Hambleton, Rebecca Zwick, John Creswell, and Margaret D. LeComte. Depth of Coverage includes classroom assessment and student outcomes; assessment techniques for accountability and accreditation; test theory, item response theory, validity and reliability; qualitative, quantitative and mixed-methods evaluation; context and ethics of assessment. Questions and Exercises follow each Section to reinforce the valuable concepts and insights presented in the preceding chapters. Bridging the gap between practice in higher education with advances in measurement, assessment, and evaluation, this book enables educational decision-makers to engage in more sound professional judgment. This handbook provides higher education administrators with both high-level and detailed views into contemporary theories and practices, supplemented with guidance on how to apply them for the benefit of students and institutions. Measurement-based assessment has dominated our educational systems at the expense of the learning and the well-being of students and teachers. In this book, Gergen and Gill propose a radical alternative to this broken system, which is based instead on an inspirational conception of schools as sites of collective meaning-making and a relational orientation to evaluation. The authors acknowledge that it is within the process of relating that the world comes to be meaningful for us, and equally, learning and well-being are embedded in relational process, which testing and grades undermine. Providing detailed illustrations using cases from pioneering schools around the globe at both the primary and
secondary level, this book demonstrates how a relational orientation to evaluation in education can enhance learning processes, foster students' engagement and vitality relationships, and elevate the evaluation of teaching and the school as a whole. Featuring collaborative learning, dialogic pedagogy, and flexible curricula, relational evaluation truly speaks to the demands of a rapidly changing world. Written in a conversational style for principals who are not statisticians, this book will help you use measurement and evaluation to propel your school towards educational excellence. In this valuable resource, well-known scholars present a detailed understanding of contemporary theories and practices in the fields of measurement, assessment, and evaluation, with guidance on how to apply these ideas for the benefit of students and institutions. Bringing together terminology, analytical perspectives, and methodological advances, this second edition facilitates informed decision-making while connecting the latest thinking in these methodological areas with actual practice in higher education. This research handbook provides higher education administrators, student affairs personnel, institutional researchers, and faculty with an integrated volume of theory, method, and application. Designated a Doody's Core Title and Essential Purchase! "Without question, this book should be on every nurse educator's bookshelf, or at least available through the library or nursing program office. Certainly, all graduate students studying to be nurse educators should have a copy." --Nursing Education Perspectives "This [third edition] is an invaluable resource for theoretical and practical application of evaluation and testing of clinical nursing students. Graduate students and veteran nurses preparing for their roles as nurse educators will want to add this book to their library." Score: 93, 4 stars --Doody's "This 3rd edition... has again given us philosophical, theoretical and social/ethical frameworks for understanding assessment and measurement, as well as fundamental knowledge to develop evaluation tools for individual students and academic programs." --Nancy F. Langston, PhD, RN, FAAN Dean and Professor Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing All teachers need to assess learning. But often, teachers are not well prepared to carry out the tasks related to evaluation and testing. This third edition of Evaluation and Testing in Nursing Education serves as an authoritative resource for teachers in nursing education programs and health care agencies.
Graduate students preparing for their roles as nurse educators will also want to add this book to their collection. As an inspiring, award-winning title, this book presents a comprehensive list of all the tools required to measure students' classroom and clinical performance. The newly revised edition sets forth expanded coverage on essential concepts of evaluation, measurement, and testing in nursing education; quality standards of effective measurement instruments; how to write all types of test items and establish clinical performance parameters and benchmarks; and how to evaluate critical thinking in written assignments and clinical performance. Special features: The steps involved in test construction, with guidelines on how to develop test length, test difficulty, item formats, and scoring procedures. Guidelines for assembling and administering a test, including design rules and suggestions for reproducing the test. Strategies for writing multiple-choice and multiple-response items. How to develop test items that prepare students for licensure and certification examinations. Like its popular predecessors, this text offers a seamless blending of theoretical and practical insight on evaluation and testing in nursing education, thus serving as an invaluable resource for both educators and students. "Measurement and Assessment in Education, "Second Edition, employs a pragmatic approach to the study of educational tests and measurement so that teachers will understand essential psychometric concepts and be able to apply them in the classroom. The principles that guide this text are: What essential knowledge and skills do classroom teachers need to conduct student assessments in a professional manner? What does the research on educational assessment tell us? This focus has resulted in a uniquely approachable and technically accurate presentation of the material. While providing a slightly more technical presentation of measurement and assessment than more basic texts, this text is both approachable and comprehensive. The text includes a gentle introduction to the basic mathematics of measurement, and expands traditional coverage to include a thorough discussion of performance and portfolio assessments, a complete presentation of assessment accommodations for students with disabilities, and a practical discussion of professional best practices in educational measurement. Highlights of This Text This text is very user-friendly, helping students to master the more technical aspects of educational assessment and gain a good understanding of
the mathematical concepts needed to master measurement and assessment (Chapters 2--6). Ethical principles, legal issues, and professional standards relevant to classroom assessment are covered thoroughly so that students are prepared to conduct classroom assessments in a professional and ethical manner (throughout the text, but specifically in Chapter 17). An entire chapter (Chapter 15) is devoted to the use of assessments for students with disabilities to prepare students to assess the knowledge and skills of all students, including those with disabilities. Contemporary issues regarding the assessment of students are covered in detail so that students are aware of important issues related to educational assessment. Numerous pedagogical devices such as exercises, cases, and end-of-chapter problems are included throughout the text so that students can explore topics further. Audio enhanced PowerPointTM lectures featuring Dr. Victor Willson are particularly useful for student review and mastery of the material presented. A Test Bank is also available to instructors.

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