

Examples of Direct Measures

- Capstone projects (i.e. research papers, presentations, theses, dissertations, oral defenses, exhibitions, or performances)
- Standardized tests
- Essay Questions
- Pass rates or scores on licensure, certification, or subject area tests
- Student publications or conference presentations
- Employer and internship supervisor ratings of students' performance
- Writing samples
- Score gains indicating the "value added" to the students' learning experiences by comparing entry and exit tests (either published or locally developed) as well as writing samples
- Locally designed quizzes, tests, and inventories
- Portfolio artifacts
- Case studies
- Team/group projects and presentations
- Oral examination
- Internships, clinical experiences, practica, student teaching, or other professional/content-related experiences engaging students in hands-on experiences in their respective fields of study (accompanied by ratings or evaluation forms from field/clinical supervisors)
- Service-learning projects or experiences
- Authentic and performance-based projects or experiences engaging students in opportunities to apply their knowledge to the larger community (accompanied by ratings, scoring rubrics or performance checklists from project/experience coordinator or supervisor)
- Graduates' skills in the workplace rated by employers
- Online course asynchronous discussions analyzed by class instructors