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## ASSESSMENT RESOURCES

### Assessment Methods



#### Assessment Instruments

Several computer-based assessment instruments created by the Center for Assessment and Research Studies are available for purchase. The instruments currently available include the following:

- [Scientific Reasoning Test \(SR\)](#)
- [Quantitative Reasoning Test \(QR\)](#)
- [Information Literacy Test \(ILT\)](#)

[Click here for purchasing information](#)

**Click below for the SOS (Test-Taking Motivation Instrument) and SOS information (FREE)**

[The Student Opinion Survey](#)  
[SOS Manual](#)  
[SOS Scoring Guide](#)  
[Memo for SOS](#)  
[SOS Article](#)



#### Assessment Tips, Techniques, and Examples

The Center for Assessment and Research Studies has assembled some tips, techniques, and examples of good assessment practice:

- [The Assessment Process](#)
- [Multiple Choice Format Test Development Guide](#)
- [Writing Test Items](#)
- [Objective-Format Questions](#)

### Resources for Other Institutions



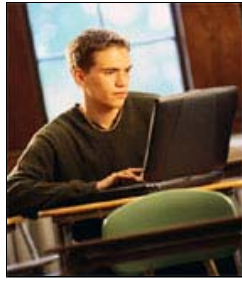
#### The Dictionary of Student Outcome Assessment

Communication about assessment and student outcomes sometimes uses multiple terms to refer to the same concept, of the same term with different meanings.

The [Dictionary of Student Outcome Assessment](#) can help you decipher the often-confusing constellation of works used in measuring learning.

#### Starting a Doctoral Program in Assessment

JMU's Ph.D. program in assessment and measurement was the



first of its kind in the United States and is still a pioneer in the education of future scholars and practitioners to perform the important role of determining the effectiveness of educational programs.

At the request of institutions interested in starting similar programs, JMU has assembled suggestions and considerations that may help when [starting a program in assessment and measurement](#).



### Characteristics of an Effective Assessment Program

The list of [characteristics of an effective assessment program](#) includes 14 critical components for the successful evaluation of student learning.

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