



## Adult Education Dictionary: Assessment & Testing

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Dictionary Term <small>[Click for more info]</small>	Definition
<a href="#">Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE)</a>	Formerly named OVAE, this federal office administers, coordinates, and recommends policy for improving quality and excellence of programs that are...
<a href="#">Percentile</a>	A percentile is one of the 99 point scores that divide a ranked distribution into groups, each of which contains 1/100 of the scores. The 73rd percentile...
<a href="#">Percentile Rank</a>	A test score that is used to convert raw scores (number of correct answers) into something more meaningful. Percentile rank is the percentage of test...
<a href="#">Performance Assessment</a>	A performance assessment is an activity that requires students to construct a response, create a product, or perform a demonstration. Usually there are...
<a href="#">Performance Measures</a>	Performance measures describe how attainment of the learning objectives will be measured or assessed. Performance measures typically rely on standardized...
<a href="#">Performance Standard</a>	A performance standard is the level of performance on a test, established by education experts, as a goal of student attainment...
<a href="#">Performance-Based Assessment</a>	Evaluation of achievement, learning, etc., that requires direct demonstration of knowledge and skills via the construction of responses, and for which...
<a href="#">Population</a>	A population is the group with a particular set of characteristics to which researchers attempt to generalize their findings from a smaller sample. These...
<a href="#">Portfolio</a>	A portfolio is a systematic collection of information, work samples, test results, and products of or about a student over a period of time. It is designed...
<a href="#">Post-Test</a>	Post tests are administered to students upon completion of learner goals, or completion of a course of study, or during the final quarter of the fiscal...
<a href="#">Praxis Core-Battery Tests</a>	The Praxis Core Battery Tests are a subgroup of the Praxis II Subject Assessments. The Core Battery consists of three Praxis II tests: the Test of General...
<a href="#">Praxis II</a>	The Praxis II is a series of professional assessments for beginning teachers. The Praxis II National Teacher Exam (NTE) is designed to assess qualifications...
<a href="#">Pre-Tests</a>	Pre tests are administered to students to establish an initial benchmark against which learning progress is measured...
<a href="#">Predictive Validity</a>	The predictive validity is the ability of a score on one test to forecast a student's probable performance on another test of similar skills. Predictive...
<a href="#">Probability Sample</a>	The ideal way to select a representative sample is to set up a selection procedure whereby each student in the population has some chance of being in...
<a href="#">Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)</a>	The Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) is a household study that has been developed under the auspices of the Organization...
<a href="#">Questioning Technique/Teaching Method</a>	Questioning is probably the most fundamental methodology available. Several purposes for questioning include: to gain the learner's participation in class...
<a href="#">Raw Score (RS)</a>	The raw score is the first score obtained in scoring a test, which is often the number of correct answers. Sometimes it is the number right minus a fraction...
<a href="#">Readiness Test</a>	A readiness test is a test of ability to engage in a new type of specific learning. Level of maturity, previous experience, and emotional and mental set...
<a href="#">Reading Assessment Profile</a>	A reading assessment profile is a list of a student's assessment or test results for several aspects of the reading process: alphabetic, fluency, vocabulary...

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