

Evidence of Student Learning in Graduate Programs

Direct Measures require students to demonstrate their learning through performance.

- Coursework: Papers, projects, or required assignments.
- Exams:
 - GRE subject tests
 - Locally-developed tests
 - Certification or Licensure exams
 - Comprehensive exam
 - Doctoral qualifying exam
- Thesis/Dissertation:
 - Proposal
 - Paper
 - Defense
- Portfolios
- Oral Presentations
- Internship paper
- Professional projects
- Master's essay
- Peer-reviewed submissions for publication
- Disciplinary conference presentations
- Peer-reviewed grant applications

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Indirect Measures capture perceptions of student learning by the students themselves or others; or data indicators of student success.

- Student satisfaction surveys, exit interviews or focus groups (Student perceptions of their learning experiences)
- Alumni surveys
- Student retention and graduation rates
- Career placement of graduates
- Employer surveys
- Comparison or benchmarking with peer institutions (NRC data)
- Alumni professional accomplishments
- Alumni giving