What Resources Are Available to Support Our Assessment Efforts?

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Academic Assessment and Institutional Research
Help From AAIR Staff Members With…

- Developing effective learning goals
- Identifying where learning occurs (curriculum maps)
- Developing direct measures
  - rubrics for ratings of performances, presentations, and student skills noted by field experience supervisors
  - portfolios of student work
  - locally designed multiple-choice or essay test score gains between entry and exit on published or local tests or writing samples
  - observations of student behavior undertaken systematically and with notes recorded systematically
  - summaries and assessment of electronic class discussion threads
  - “think-alouds” which ask students to think aloud as they work on a problem or assignment
  - classroom response systems (“clickers”) that allow students in their classroom seats to instantly answer questions posed by the instructor and provide an immediate picture of student understanding
  - student reflections on their values, attitudes, and beliefs if developing those are intended outcomes of the program
Help From AAIR Staff Members With...

- Providing data such as samples of enrolled students, courses taken, graduates, test scores
- Analyzing quantitative and qualitative results
- Interpreting and reporting results
- Examples from other departments (at Ball State and beyond)
- Funding for AIR Summer Assessment Grants
- Funding for ETS Major Field Tests
Journals That Publish the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Books That Can Be Borrowed From AAIR
National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment

http://www.learningoutcomeassessment.org/index.html
Conferences

• IUPUI Assessment Institute
  http://planning.iupui.edu/conferences/national/nationalconf.html

• AAC&U conferences
  http://www.aacu.org/meetings/index.cfm

• AIR Forum
  http://forum.airweb.org/2012
Rubric Libraries

- California State University Fresno
  http://www.csufresno.edu/oie/assessment/rubric.shtm
- University of Delaware
  http://assessment.udel.edu/resources/rubrics.html
- University of Virginia
  http://www.web.virginia.edu/iaas/assess/tools/rubrics.shtm
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