

WHAT IS NILOA AND WHY YOU SHOULD CHECK IT OUT

The Insight

The National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) is a leading voice on obtaining, using and sharing evidence of student learning across U.S. colleges and universities.

Implications

The NILOA website provides FREE access to valuable publications, reports, instruments and online resources useful to any faculty or staff member seeking to advance local assessment efforts and better understand the national assessment landscape.

“The NILOA site is a *one-stop shop* for higher education assessment resources”

The volume of higher education assessment resources is growing at an incredible rate, making it challenging to filter through all the journals, websites and professional organizations for best practices and guidance – where do you begin? And, how can you stay on top of the latest national assessment conversations? **The NILOA can help!**

At the 2016 Assessment Institute at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), I attended multiple programming sessions from the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) and I have turned to this organization many times in the months since to access valuable assessment resources. The focus of this issue of Learning Insights is to provide an overview of the NILOA and highlight key resources that can be useful to any faculty or staff member seeking to advance local assessment efforts and better understand the national assessment landscape.

The National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) project has become a leading national voice on college and university efforts to obtain, use, and share evidence of student learning. Led by assessment experts George Kuh, Stan Ikenberry, Peter Ewell, Pat Hutchings and others, the NILOA project provides **free** online access to a plethora of assessment resources, including:

- [Assessment Briefs](#): informative guides for the practical use of assessment evidence to targeted audiences (e.g. faculty, student affairs professionals, university leadership) AND a list of the top 20 assessment scholarly journals with a succinct description of the focus of each
- [Examples of Good Assessment Practice](#): case studies from U.S. institutions recognized for their “good work” in assessment practices and data-driven improvements
- [Measuring Quality](#): an online inventory of 250 assessment instruments, benchmarking tools, software platforms and projects, compiled by NILOA, the American Council on Education (ACE), and the Association for Institutional Research (AIR)
- [NILOA Reports](#): research projects and national surveys to examine student learning outcomes across U.S. institutions
- [Occasional Papers](#): publications to address contemporary issues and emerging assessment practices
- [Resource Library](#): a searchable database of assessment related articles, presentations, reports, books and websites

The NILOA website offers all of these resources, and many more. Click on any of the above to view more details, or visit www.learningoutcomesassessment.org. You can also [sign up](#) for NILOA’s free monthly newsletter for the latest assessment conversations and resources.