

Educational Research Competencies For Analysis And Applications International Edition

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This book addresses challenges in the theoretically and empirically adequate assessment of competencies in educational settings. It presents the scientific projects of the priority program "Competence Models for Assessing Individual Learning Outcomes and Evaluating Educational Processes," which focused on competence assessment across disciplines in Germany. The six-year program coordinated 30 research projects involving experts from the fields of psychology, educational science, and subject-specific didactics. The main reference point for all projects is the concept of "competencies," which are defined as "context-specific cognitive dispositions that are acquired and needed to successfully cope with certain situations or tasks in specific domains" (Koeppen et al., 2008, p. 62). The projects investigate different aspects of competence assessment: The primary focus lies on the development of cognitive models of competencies, complemented by the construction of psychometric models based on these theoretical models. In turn, the psychometric models constitute the basis for the construction of instruments for effectively measuring competencies. The assessment of competencies plays a key role in optimizing educational processes and improving the effectiveness of educational systems. This book contributes to this challenging endeavor by meeting the need for more integrative, interdisciplinary research on the structure, levels, and development of competencies.

The purpose of this text is to present measurement concepts within the framework of contemporary evaluation. This book is designed primarily for use in either an introductory level graduate course or a senior level undergraduate course.

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and summary tables at the beginning of the chapter focus the students attention on the important ideas numbered steps and examples provide clarification, especially where procedures are involved. The tasks and examples presented at the end of the chapter add relevancy to the chapter topics. Jann W. MacInnes, University of Florida

This book provides an overview of recent research on the relationship between noncognitive attributes (motivation, self efficacy, resilience) and academic outcomes (such as grades or test scores). We focus primarily on how these sets of attributes are measured and how they relate to important academic outcomes. Noncognitive attributes are those academically and occupationally relevant skills and traits that are not “cognitive”—that is, not specifically intellectual or analytical in nature. We examine seven attributes in depth and critique the measurement approaches used by researchers and talk about how they can be improved.

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This book is famous for its lack of jargon, for its clear and concrete explanations, and its light (often funny) tone. As you read the book, you will build skills that you need to read educational research and produce your own. The book will help guide you through each step in creating your own research report. You can compare your work with the example published research articles in every methods chapter. In addition, the new Digital Research Tools for the 21st Century feature introduces novel tools and methods you can use to make the process of doing research easier or more efficient like using speech recognition programs to save time transcribing interviews (Chapter 15), using flip cameras and Skype to collect qualitative data (Chapter 14), and using management programs to organize citations (Chapter 21).

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It is imperative that the 21st century population develops media literacy competence at several levels. Schools possess a crucial role in achieving these competencies and as such, teachers need to be equipped with effective methods and training. Promoting Global Competencies Through Media Literacy is an advanced reference publication featuring the latest scholarly research on transdisciplinary and transformative assessment practices from primary-level to university-level educational settings. Including coverage on a broad range of topics such as digital storytelling, virtual environment, and cross-cultural communication, this book is ideally designed for academicians, researchers, and librarians seeking current research on current trends in media literacy in educational settings.

"This book covers the basics of traditional educational testing, measurement, and evaluation theory and methodology, as well as sociopolitical issues and trends influencing the future of that research and practice"--Publisher's description.

The importance of higher education has never been clearer. Educational attainment—the number of years a person spends in school—strongly predicts adult earnings, as well as health and civic engagement. Yet relative to other developed nations, educational attainment in the United States is lagging, with young Americans who heretofore led the world in completing postsecondary degrees now falling behind their global peers. As part of a broader national college completion agenda aimed at increasing college graduation rates, higher education researchers and policy makers are exploring the role of intrapersonal and interpersonal competencies in supporting student success. Supporting Students' College Success: The Role of Assessment of Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Competencies identifies 8 intrapersonal competencies (competencies involving self-management and positive self-evaluation) that can be

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developed through interventions and appear to be related to persistence and success in undergraduate education. The report calls for further research on the importance of these competencies for college success, reviews current assessments of them and establishes priorities for the use of current assessments, and outlines promising new approaches for improved assessments.

The National Science Foundation funded a synthesis study on the status, contributions, and future direction of discipline-based education research (DBER) in physics, biological sciences, geosciences, and chemistry. DBER combines knowledge of teaching and learning with deep knowledge of discipline-specific science content. It describes the discipline-specific difficulties learners face and the specialized intellectual and instructional resources that can facilitate student understanding. Discipline-Based Education Research is based on a 30-month study built on two workshops held in 2008 to explore evidence on promising practices in undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. This book asks questions that are essential to advancing DBER and broadening its impact on undergraduate science teaching and learning. The book provides empirical research on undergraduate teaching and learning in the sciences, explores the extent to which this research currently influences undergraduate instruction, and identifies the intellectual and material resources required to further develop DBER. Discipline-Based Education Research provides guidance for future DBER research. In addition, the findings and recommendations of this report may invite, if not assist, post-secondary institutions to increase interest and research activity in DBER and improve its quality and usefulness across all natural science disciplines, as well as guide instruction and assessment across natural science courses to improve student learning. The book brings greater focus to issues of student attrition in the natural sciences that are related to the quality of instruction. Discipline-Based Education Research will be of interest to educators, policy makers, researchers, scholars, decision makers in universities, government agencies, curriculum developers, research sponsors, and education advocacy groups.

The Handbook of Research on STEM Education represents a groundbreaking and comprehensive synthesis of research and presentation of policy within the realm of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. What distinguishes this Handbook from others is the nature of integration of the disciplines that is the founding premise for the work – all chapters in this book speak directly to the integration of STEM, rather than discussion of research within the individual content areas. The Handbook of Research on STEM Education explores the most pressing areas of STEM within an international context. Divided into six sections, the authors cover topics including: the nature of STEM, STEM learning, STEM pedagogy, curriculum and assessment, critical issues in STEM, STEM teacher education, and STEM policy and reform. The Handbook utilizes the lens of equity and access by focusing on STEM literacy, early childhood STEM, learners with disabilities, informal STEM, socio-scientific issues, race-related factors, gender equity, cultural-relevancy, and parental involvement. Additionally, discussion of STEM education policy in a variety of countries is included, as well as a focus on engaging business/industry and teachers in advocacy for STEM education. The Handbook's 37 chapters provide a deep and meaningful landscape of the implementation of STEM over the past two decades. As such, the findings that are presented within provide the reader with clear directions for

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future research into effective practice and supports for integrated STEM, which are grounded in the literature to date.

Students often fear the educational research course. Don't worry. This book is famous for its lack of jargon, for its clear and concrete explanations, and its light (often funny) tone. As you read the book, you will build skills that you need to read educational research and produce your own. The book will help guide you through each step in creating your own research report. You can compare your work with the example published research articles in every methods chapter. In addition, the new Digital Research Tools for the 21st Century feature introduces novel tools and methods you can use to make the process of doing research easier or more efficient like using speech recognition programs to save time transcribing interviews (Chapter 15), using flip cameras and Skype to collect qualitative data (Chapter 14), and using management programs to organize citations (Chapter 21).

For a senior-level undergraduate course or a graduate-level course in educational research A straightforward text focused on building skills needed by competent consumers and producers of educational research The authors of this text help students acquire the skills and knowledge required of competent consumers and producers of educational research. Students aren't mystified by theoretical and statistical jargon. Instead, through practical examples and a light (often funny) tone, students are taught how to read and perform research. The new edition includes a Digital Research Tools for the 21st Century feature that introduces novel tools and methods researchers can use to make the process of doing research easier or more efficient.

- Provides step-by-step instructions for students who will be writing their first research proposal in the social and behavioral sciences.
- Each major section is divided into short topics. For each topic, students complete an exercise that leads them toward the goal of preparing a proposal.
- Numerous examples throughout the book make the recommendations for proposal writing come alive.
- The model proposals at the end of the book illustrate proposal writing and provide material for classroom discussions.
- Provides concrete guidance for students who will be writing proposals for both quantitative and qualitative research.
- The structure of this book enables students to work independently with confidence while writing the first drafts of their proposals.
- All steps in proposal writing are clearly described and illustrated.
- Ideal for use in:
 - research methods classes where students write a proposal as a term project,
 - thesis/dissertation preparation classes,
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 - any graduate-level seminar in which the instructor wants to incorporate a project that will engage students in critical thinking about the content area.
- Written by our best-selling author, Mildred L. Patten. Your students will appreciate her clear and informative style.

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The concept of competencies is crucial for evaluating educational systems as well as for basic research in education. This book covers current theoretical, psychometric, and practical issues related to the assessment of competencies in a variety of educational settings. Leading researchers from around the world contribute their expertise from different research fields. The first part of the book provides theoretical perspectives on the concept of competencies in educational contexts, as well as on developmental models. The second part deals with psychometric models for assessing and predicting competencies and measuring change. In addition, practical issues such as test construction, computer-based assessment, feedback options, and the implementation of assessment tools in school contexts are addressed. Also

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discussed is large-scale assessment of competencies for the monitoring of educational quality. The book provides a valuable tool for researchers interested in the theoretical and psychometric background of assessment as well as for readers interested in practical aspects of assessment and evaluation in educational or vocational contexts, such as policy makers, teachers, and school administrators.

Methods in Educational Research Methods in Educational Research is designed to prepare students for the real world of educational research. It focuses on scientifically-based methods, school accountability, and the professional demands of the twenty-first century, empowering researchers to take an active role in conducting research in their classrooms, districts, and the greater educational community. Like the first edition, this edition helps students, educators, and researchers develop a broad and deep understanding of research methodologies. It includes substantial new content on the impact of No Child Left Behind legislation, school reform, quantitative and qualitative methodologies, logic modeling, action research, and other areas. Special features to assist the teaching and learning processes include vignettes illustrating research tied to practice, suggested readings at the end of each chapter, and discussion questions to reinforce chapter content. Praise for the Previous Edition "A new attempt to make this subject more relevant and appealing to students. Most striking is how useful this book is because it is really grounded in educational research. It is very well written and quite relevant for educational researchers or for the student hoping to become one."

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Children are already learning at birth, and they develop and learn at a rapid pace in their early years. This provides a critical foundation for lifelong progress, and the adults who provide for the care and the education of young children bear a great responsibility for their health, development, and learning. Despite the fact that they share the same objective - to nurture young children and secure their future success - the various practitioners who contribute to the care and the education of children from birth through age 8 are not acknowledged as a workforce unified by the common knowledge and competencies needed to do their jobs well. Transforming the Workforce for Children

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Birth Through Age 8 explores the science of child development, particularly looking at implications for the professionals who work with children. This report examines the current capacities and practices of the workforce, the settings in which they work, the policies and infrastructure that set qualifications and provide professional learning, and the government agencies and other funders who support and oversee these systems. This book then makes recommendations to improve the quality of professional practice and the practice environment for care and education professionals. These detailed recommendations create a blueprint for action that builds on a unifying foundation of child development and early learning, shared knowledge and competencies for care and education professionals, and principles for effective professional learning. Young children thrive and learn best when they have secure, positive relationships with adults who are knowledgeable about how to support their development and learning and are responsive to their individual progress. Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 offers guidance on system changes to improve the quality of professional practice, specific actions to improve professional learning systems and workforce development, and research to continue to build the knowledge base in ways that will directly advance and inform future actions. The recommendations of this book provide an opportunity to improve the quality of the care and the education that children receive, and ultimately improve outcomes for children.

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