**Name of the Accountability/Quality Program:**

CCLA (Community College Learning Assessment)

**Authors/Sponsors/Funders, etc.:**

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**URL:**

<http://www.cae.org/content/pro_communcollege.htm>

**Overview:**

The Community College Learning Assessment (CCLA) is an adaption for the Collegiate Learning Assessment for community colleges. It is a national standardized exam that assesses the degree to which the community college contributes to their students’ development in critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem solving and written communication. In short, the CCLA’s main goal is to provide information that will help community colleges determine how much their students are improving and whether that improvement is in line with the gains of comparable students at other institutions. The college is being assessed rather than the individual students taking the test. The standard model is testing 100 entering students in the fall and 100 exiting students in the spring.

**Specific Measures in Program:**

The CCLA measures:

* Critical thinking,
* Analytic reasoning,
* Problem solving, and
* Written communication skills.

**Impact/Implications for Washington Community & Technical Colleges:**

I am unaware of and Washington community colleges being involved with the development of the exam or of any discussion at the state level about using this as a measurement tool.