**Research and Planning Commission**

**Accountability and Quality Measures**

**Name of Accountability/Quality Program:**

Proficiency Profile

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**URL:**

<http://www.ets.org/proficiencyprofile/about>

**Overview:**

ETS developed the Proficiency Profile to assess student learning outcomes in assesses four core skill areas — critical thinking/reading, writing and mathematics. (Note that the test is similar to the previous ETS Academic Profile.) The ETS Proficiency Profile measures:

* proficiency in critical thinking, reading, writing and mathematics in the context of humanities, social sciences and natural sciences
* academic skills developed, as opposed to subject knowledge taught, in general education courses

Note that the Proficiency Profile has been selected by the [Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA)](http://www.ets.org/proficiencyprofile/about/vsa) as a gauge of general education outcomes.

**Specific Measures in Program:**

Descriptions of outcomes by level of proficiency are available on the ETS website: <http://www.ets.org/proficiencyprofile/about/content/>.

Institutions may also add up to 50 locally-authored multiple-choice questions, nine demographic questions, and/or an essay to the standard assessment.

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

We are not aware of a college in the WACTC system using the Proficiency Profile.