

**Why Do We Have Assessment?**

Colleges across the country recognized that grades do not give the true picture of what students know and are able to do. Today's assessment strategies are designed to measure the results of learning (what students can do!), evaluate programs, and provide the basis for improving teaching and learning processes. Assessment of Student Learning is also needed to maintain Moraine Park's accreditation assuring the quality of education meets or exceeds acceptable standards set by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools.