

News Release

Help is on the way for those engaged in personnel evaluations in education institutions!

At its annual meeting, September 27-29, 2007, the Joint Committee on Standards for Educational Evaluation approved the revision of standards to guide personnel evaluations in our nation's education institutions. The approved statements address four key attributes of evaluation: propriety, utility, feasibility, and accuracy. As approved, these statements will be certified as the American National Standard for evaluation of personnel in education by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The standard statements soon will be available at the Joint Committee's Web site (<http://jc.wmich.edu>). The standards and supporting documentation—including explanations, guidelines, case examples, supporting references, and more—will be available in the spring of 2008, published by Corwin Press.

Of special interest to many are the Joint Committee's efforts to update the program evaluation standards. The National Science Foundation has provided funding to support conducting field trials of these draft revised standards. Drs. Donald Yarbrough and Rodney Hopson will serve as co-PIs on the grant. The draft revisions for the program evaluation standards are available at URL: <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/pges/> (Username: **ceapges**; Password: **review2007**). Please visit that site to review those standards and provide your input to help ensure that the revisions serve educational evaluation in the strongest possible way.

Also, the Joint Committee is pleased to provide an update on the student evaluation standards. Plans are under way for a conference to encourage and assist education institutions in using the student evaluation standards to benchmark student evaluation practices and their effects on student interest and learning. Additional information on this important opportunity is expected soon.

The chair's annual address to the Committee and minutes of the annual meeting will be posted on the Joint Committee's Web site.