**Chapter 8: Evaluating and Measuring Learning**

**PRAXIS Connection**

The Praxis Connections will prepare you to take the *Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching (*PLT) assessments or the state-developed exam that may be required by your teacher education preparatory program and state certification or licensing. The citations in parentheses indicate related sections of the Praxis.

1. Types of assessment (II. C1, C2, C4)

What are the purposes of pretest, formative, and posttest evaluation? Explain how teachers can make effective use of the information gathered by each type of assessment.

1. Performance assessment (II. C1, C2, C5)

There has been a recent emphasis on performance assessment and the use of rubrics in evaluation. Describe the characteristics of performance assessment and using rubrics and the potential problems with their use.

1. Valid assessment (II. C2, C5)

Reliability, validity, and usability are important in assessment. How are reliability, validity, and usability, and rating scales, checklists, and questionnaires related?