

TABLE 25.3**Comparison of Criterion-Referenced and Norm-Referenced Tests**

	CRITERION-REFERENCED	NORM-REFERENCED
Purpose	To determine mastery at a specified level	To compare a score to the performance of similar test takers
Content	Specific to a domain or content area	Broad domain or content area
Item selection	Similar level of difficulty	Wide variability in difficulty level
Scores	Number or percentage correct as compared to criteria	Standard score, percentile, or grade-equivalent score as compared to the norm group

SOURCE: Gregory, 2013.