

SmarterMeasure Assessment



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Thank you for joining us today! This webinar will help you better understand the SmarterMeasure assessment, help you decide if online learning courses are right for you, and help you get started in your online course. **SmarterMeasure** is an assessment available in all ELI courses and helps you gauge your readiness for online learning.. The Extended Learning Institute is also referred to as ELI and is the online division of NOVA. If you want to discuss your results with an ELI Academic Counselor, ELI Counselors are available at ELICounselors@nvcc.edu or 703.323.3347.

Program Agenda

- What is the SmarterMeasure Assessment?
- How to access the assessment.
- How to re-enter the site.
- How to send your results to your instructor.
- What will you learn about yourself.



In today's presentation, we will cover:
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What is SmarterMeasure

SmarterMeasure is an assessment that measures your readiness for Northern Virginia Community College's Extended Learning Institute.



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We use SmarterMeasure as a tool to help new and potential students gauge their readiness for online learning. Students thinking about taking an ELI course can gain access to the tool and instructors use the tool to help students get started in their online course. This assessment is not graded and will have no impact on enrollment in courses. Be honest with yourself as you answer the questions in each of the sections. The results will give you feedback about your strengths and challenges for online learning. The results will give you techniques to help you succeed in your courses and is meant to give you a good overall assessment of your readiness.

How to access SmarterMeasure

SmarterMeasure

SmarterMeasure is an assessment that measures learner readiness for Northern Virginia Community College's Extended Learning Institute. SmarterMeasure is an indicator of the degree to which distance learning and/or learning in a technology rich environment will be a good fit for you. It will help you prepare to be successful as a student. You are not penalized for guessing. Please enter an answer for each question on the assessment. Upon completion of SmarterMeasure you will receive a score report which will not only help you understand your strengths and opportunities for improvement, but will also provide resources to help you succeed. Remember, this assessment is strictly for your benefit. Take the time to rate yourself honestly.

If you are visiting Northern Virginia Community College Extended Learning Institute and would like to determine if distance learning is right for you, please email elicounselors@nvcc.edu for your guest user name and password.

SmarterMeasure Resources



Technical Requirements

Learn about the minimum computer requirements for taking SmarterMeasure.



SmarterMeasure Help Desk

Let our help desk assist you with any technical issues you are experiencing while taking SmarterMeasure.



What is SmarterMeasure?

Learn more about what this assessment measures and how it will help you become successful in your online endeavor.



Privacy Information

Your privacy is taken seriously. read our policy for more information on what we collect.

Questions about how to login?

First Time User Login

Use this option if you are a **first time user** or need to start a new assessment.

[Login as First Time User >](#)

Returning Users

Use this option if you want to look up a **previously started** or completed assessment.

[Login as Returning User >](#)

If you are enrolled in an ELI course and have access to your Blackboard course site, you can find the information to access the assessment in the “Welcome” section of the course. If you are thinking about enrolling in an online course or have not started your course yet, you can gain access to the assessment on the main [ELI website](#).

How to access SmarterMeasure

Questions about how to login?

First Time User Login

Username
Choose the username that was provided by Northern Virginia Community College's Extended Learning Institute for the SmarterMeasure assessment. If the username provided is not in the list below, please contact elicounselors@nvcc.edu.

Select a username

Password
Enter the password that was provided by Northern Virginia Community College's Extended Learning Institute for the SmarterMeasure assessment.

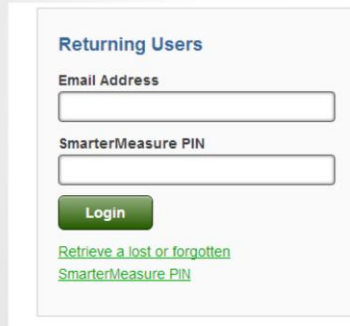
Login

Choose an option from the drop down menu. If you don't have a username and password, email ELICounselors@nvcc.edu for access.

If you stop and start up again, you will create a pin so you can start up where you left off.

Once you log into the SmarterMeasure Assessment web page on ELI's website, you will be prompted to select a username from the drop down menu. If you don't have a username and password, email ELICounselors@nvcc.edu for access. There is also a Guest Username/Password in the "Welcome" section of every Blackboard Course Site. The assessment will take about 30 minutes to complete, but if you need to stop in the middle, you can pick up where you left off.

How to re-enter SmarterMeasure



The screenshot shows a login form titled "Returning Users". It contains two input fields: "Email Address" and "SmarterMeasure PIN". Below the fields is a green "Login" button. At the bottom of the form, there is a green link that reads "Retrieve a lost or forgotten SmarterMeasure PIN".

You will receive a "pin" sent automatically to the email address you enter.

Remember what email address you use.

Save that email.

Return to your results or finish your assessment.

If you need to take a break in the middle of the assessment, you can re-enter the site with the pin that will be sent to the email you registered with. Once you are in the site, you will fill out your contact information. Once you enter your email, you will be sent an automatic email that you started the assessment and it will include a pin number. The pin number can be used to re-enter the site. Remember what email address you used when registering so you can access that pin, and save that email so you have it at any point.

How do I send my results to my instructor?

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 Print / Download Report

 Email Report

Introduction

Summary

Life Factors

Individual Attributes

Learning Styles

Reading Rate & Recall

Technical Competency

Technical Knowledge

Typing Speed Accuracy

Print / Download Report – will give you the option to save as a PDF and email your instructor or attach in the Blackboard Assignment Area.

Email Report – will give you the option to email directly to your instructor. You can add a message and blind copy yourself if you wish.

If you are taking the assessment as part of your course and need to send the results to your instructor you will want to download the results as a PDF and upload them to the assignment area of your Blackboard course site. If you are working with an instructor or academic advisor outside of class, you can send the results as an attachment in an email or you can send an email directly from SmarterMeasure. There is a place to add a message and also blind copy yourself so you know the email was sent.

If this is a requirement for more than one course, you only need to take the assessment once and you can upload those results to separate Blackboard course sites.

If this is an assignment for your class, your instructor will ask you to submit your results directly to the assignment link in Blackboard. If you choose to email your instructor, you will also want to make sure you go back and submit them in Blackboard as well so you don't miss any points. Here is a guide to [submitting an assignment in Blackboard](#).

What will you learn about yourself?

1. Life Factors
2. Individual Attributes
3. Learning Styles
4. Technical Competency, Skills, and Knowledge
5. Reading Rate and Recall
6. Typing Speed and Accuracy

The assessment covers 6 competences that are relevant to online learning. These sections are broken up and are mostly multiple choice questions. The typing speed has you type up a statement for your results. Be honest with yourself for the best results, and once you get your results, you can read through tips to help you improve.

The first section is **Life Factors**: Many students strongly desire to continue their education. However, often times other situations in life prevent them from being able to do so. The Life Factors section of SmarterMeasure asks questions about other elements in your life that may impact your ability to continue your education. The section measures five items: Time, Place, Reason, Resources, and Skills. You may be able to modify circumstances which impact some of these life skills. If so, you are encouraged to take appropriate action to help yourself succeed. But some of the circumstances in life may be beyond your control. If this is the case, being aware of these realities and planning accordingly may be beneficial for you. The ELI staff offer several webinars throughout the term to help you succeed in your ELI Courses.

The next section is **Individual Attributes**: This section measures six items: time management, procrastination, persistence, academic attributes, locus of control, and willingness to ask for help. These attributes can be enhanced or improved through academic interventions. Ask your faculty member or academic advisor about the resources that are available to help you succeed. The ELI Counselors holds a “How to Succeed in Online Learning Courses” webinar throughout the semester. They focus on

time management to help you succeed in your courses. To find the live and recorded sessions, click [here](#).

The next section is **Learning Styles**: People learn differently. Some people are very comfortable reading large amounts of text, while others are more comfortable listening to someone speak or writing things down for themselves. A person's preferred "**learning style**" is the approach to learning that feels most natural to them. It is based on a combination of their experiences, strengths, weaknesses, and preferences.

The next section is **Technical Competency, Skills, and Knowledge**: Technical competency is important, but if you do not score high in this area, don't worry! The ability to comfortably learn is what is most important. You will want to gain comfort in navigating the blackboard course site so you can submit assignments, post on the discussion board and select folders so you don't miss any course work. A multitude of resources exist on the internet. Those listed in the technical competency summary are just a small sample of what is available in terms of information or tutorials on the topics focused on in SmarterMeasure. Here is a guide to [submitting an assignment in Blackboard](#) and other Blackboard tutorials.

The next section **Reading Recall**: The average adult **reading rate** for English prose text in the United States is around 250 to 300 words per minute. Research shows that reading is around 25% slower from a computer screen than from paper. Thus you may slightly increase your results to find your speed when reading from paper.

The last section is **Typing Speed and Accuracy**: A student does not have to be an expert typist to succeed in a course. However, the faster you can type and the fewer errors you make will impact your ability to participate in your courses.

These six sections will help you gauge your readiness for online learning and help you evaluate your strengths and challenges in online courses.

What will you learn about yourself?

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? I Need Help

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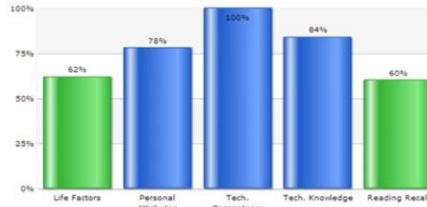
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- Summary**
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- Technical Knowledge
- Typing Speed Accuracy

Assessment Summary

A summary of your assessment has been provided below. For your expanded assessment results you may click each menu item to the left for additional information.



Learning Styles

Remember, your results will show you your strengths and challenges! Your results will help you prepare and succeed in your courses, so answer honestly. You will see the summary, and then you can click on each link to get more information to improve your skills. You can log back in and access your results at anytime with the pin number sent to you in your email.

Contact Information



- ELI Website
 - eli.nvcc.edu
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For more information about each competency, we encourage you to view the transcript of this presentation and visit the [ELI Student Blog](#).