

## ***“Victor Valley College”*** Online Student Readiness Survey

This online assessment is designed to determine whether or not an online course is a good match for your independent learning style? The assessment has three parts that covers *class preference*, *computer literacy* and *time management*.

If you score **less than 70%** on any parts of the Assessment, you should learn more about taking an Online course in order to make sure it is the right choice for you.

### **Part I: Class Preference**

#### **1. Which statement best describes you?**

- (2) Staying focused is really hard for me; I am easily distracted
- (1) I have to force myself to stay focused or else I will get distracted
- (4) I have good concentration and I don't get distracted too often
- (3) I have awesome powers of concentration; nothing can distract me

#### **2. How much do you read for your classes?**

- (1) I rely mostly on notes from class since I don't always have time to read
- (2) I do some of the required reading and take good notes in class
- (3) I try to do all the required reading for class
- (4) I do all the required reading and some extra recommended reading too

#### **3. How good are you at reading and following written instructions?**

- (4) I read instructions very carefully and usually do not have any problems
- (2) I sometimes have to go back and read the instructions again
- (3) I constantly refer to the instructions when I am doing writing assignments
- (1) I have a lot of trouble following written directions

#### **4. How would you rate your writing skills?**

- (3) I like to write and I think I am a pretty good writer
- (4) I like writing and I would like to learn how to write better
- (2) I don't like writing, but I do okay

(1) I am not a very good writer; I don't like writing

**5. What is your biggest concern about an online class?**

(1) Immediate feedback and contact with instructor

(2) Learning on my own

(3) Learning course content on my own

(4) Immediate feedback and working independently

**Part II: Computer literacy**

**1. Do you have access to a reliable computer?**

(1) I don't have a computer at home

(2) My home computer is not in very good shape

(4) My home computer works well and is reliable

(3) My computer is questionable and I have access to a backup computer

**2. What kind of Internet connection do you plan to use?**

(4) I use high-speed cable modem or DSL

(3) I use telephone dialup to AOL or other internet service provider

(2) I use mobile wireless network connection

(1) I don't have an Internet connection at home

**3. How would you describe your word processing skills?**

(4) I am able to create and save documents, convert files into a different format (such as “rich text”),

and copy and paste text from one document to another.

(3) I am able to create and save documents as well as copy and paste text from one document to another.

(2) I am able to create and save documents.

(1) I do not know how to use a word processing program.

**4. How would you describe your Internet skills?**

- (4) I am able to use two or more Web browsers, locate information using a search engine, and navigate within Websites.
- (3) I am able to locate information using a search engine and navigate within Websites.
- (2) I am able to navigate within Websites.
- (1) I do not know how to use the Internet.

**5. How do you manage the documents on your computer?**

- (4) I keep documents in carefully named folders and sub-folders
- (3) I usually just save documents on a storage device
- (2) I save my documents mostly on my hard drive
- (1) I get confused figuring out where I've saved documents

**Part: III Time Management**

**1. How often do you check your email?**

- (2) I check email once per week
- (3) I check email twice per week
- (4) I check email at least once a day
- (1) I don't check my email on a regular basis

**2. Including this online course, how many total units will you be taking?**

- (2) Less than 12 units
- (4) 12 units
- (3) More than 12 units
- (1) More than 18 units

**3. How much work do you think an online class will be compared to a regular class?**

- (3) An online class will probably be about the SAME amount of work
- (2) An online class will probably be LESS work
- (4) An online class will probably be MORE work
- (1) I am not sure just how much work an online class will be

**4. How many hours will you have available each week for a 16 week online course?**

- (2) 2-4 hours/week for this class
- (3) 5-7 hours/week for this class
- (4) 8-0 hours/week for this class
- (1) I am not sure how much time I will have

**5. How good are you at meeting deadlines for course assignments?**

- (4) I generally meet my deadlines
- (3) I meet deadlines most of the time
- (2) I sometimes have to ask for an extension on the deadline
- (1) I have a lot of trouble getting work done by the deadline