

Training for DE Students -VCT Survey March 2009

	Name of your school	We provide the following type of training opportunity for our distance education students:	Please provide any other comments or details about what your school is doing to provide distance education students with "access to and training in the use of technology."
1	Blinn College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	We use READI, but we also have an online course students can go through on their own to learn our system (ANGEL Learning). We do not monitor the online course other than to pop in once a month to make sure all is well. Neither are required, but they are encouraged.
2	Brazosport College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	Some instructors provide training for his/her class. We also have a DL booklet available for all students. (working on the online version)
3	College of the Mainland	A formal distance education orientation/workshop for online students is required.	Students are taught how to use the course management system
4	Del Mar College	A formal distance education orientation/workshop for online students is required.	DE orientations are the responsibility of the instructor. Some instructors have campus-based orientations while others take advantage of our web-based tutorial. We also use the READI assessment which is introduced to students through a welcome letter sent to all students taking DE courses.
5	Galveston College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	In addition to READI, many instructors include their own orientation unit at the beginning of each online course AND an orientation presentation is available through the library on DVD and VHS and is strongly recommended for first-time online students.
6	Kilgore College	A distance education orientation/workshop is available online and students are encouraged to participate.	We also offer the READI thing but it is not required. Our orientation is more course information related rather than CMS/technical related.
7	Laredo Community College	A distance education orientation/workshop is available online and students are encouraged to participate.	Our institution actually provides a face to face orientation component during the first 2 days of each semester. We also have Camtasia presentations which are available online 24/7 detailing the exact same concepts covered in the face to face orientations. Finally, we use the READI assessment but that is not a required component.
8	North Central Texas College	A formal distance education orientation/workshop for online students is required.	All students enrolled in online and hybrid courses are required to complete the Orientation for Online Students. Students are denied access to their online/hybrid courses until the orientation has been passed with a score of 80% or higher. We utilize various tools in our LMS (ANGEL) so that the orientation is fully automated. Modules include hardware and software requirements for being an online student, steps to being a successful online student, and using the LMS. Students must demonstrate mastery of a task before they move forward in the orientation. Tasks include quizzes, dropboxes, discussion forums, etc. The last task is a final exam which must be passed with a score of 80% or higher. The READI assessment is available to students on our website and as a tool in the orientation, but we do not currently require it. It is my goal to eventually require the READI assessment, but we don't have the staff to monitor and followup with the number of students that would be required to go through it if it were mandatory.
9	Northeast Texas Community College	A distance education orientation/workshop is available online and students are encouraged to participate.	None of the above actually fit. Unfortunately, a general workshop for all students taking online courses is not required. Each instructor offers an online orientation for their course, if they so choose. Many students don't attend those either. I'm new to this position and I am planning a training for the READI assessment. I hope to make it a required assessment for any student considering taking an online course for the first time.
10	Northwest Vista College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	Online orientation is provided by each online instructor within the course content
11	Northwest Vista College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	Course orientation is provided by the online instructor within the course content
12	Panola College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	We "require" a face-to-face WebCT orientation for first-time online students. The second half of the orientation usually consists of meeting the professor who then tells them whatever he/she wants them to know. While there are always those who can't attend for one reason or another (some legit, some not), I feel we capture many of the first-time online students and do them a great service. I wish our admissions office would make better use of READI. Fortunately, some of our instructors use it and then advise students they feel are in jeopardy. If anything good comes out of this, please share!
13	San Antonio College	Distance Education students are required to complete the READI Assessment.	As the VCT Coordinator for San Antonio College, the READI Assessment is the first step for a student to do in order to access their courses through San Antonio College.

14	St. Philip's College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	The READI assessment is not mandatory for our students to take at SPC. Currently, faculty will hold on campus orientations for their students. I want to get away from this and offer only online tutorials, such as how Rio Salado handles online orientations in Phoenix, AZ. Good luck and please share the results of the study.
15	Temple College	A distance education orientation/workshop is available online and students are encouraged to participate.	We conduct optional in-person orientation sessions at the beginning of each semester and also have a virtual tour of D2L that learners and faculty can access online.
16	Texarkana College	A distance education orientation/workshop is available online and students are encouraged to participate.	Our "online" orientations is basically requiring the student to log on to Moodle, find their class and register. We get more calls in the Admission about this, than any other question about classes starting. It needs some serious help.
17	TSTC Harlingen	Distance Education students are required to complete the READI Assessment.	We require READI for all online students. Our English Spanish department requires students to attend an on campus orientation.
18	Tyler Jr. College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	We have both a formal orientation and READI. Neither are required. We are moving to make both part of our first year experience class which will make them required for all incoming freshmen.
19	Vernon College		Right now, each instructor is expected to provide an orientation for his/her own students. We are working on a more formal orientation process and are also working toward using the READI assessment, but we aren't there yet.
20	Western Texas College	The READI Assessment is available to students.	