

# ARE YOU PLANNING ON TAKING AN ONLINE CLASS?

Northwest State Community College requires that all students pass an Online Learning Readiness (OLR) assessment before taking an online class.

You must pass this assessment before submitting your registration form to your high school guidance counselor in order to be registered for any online class.

The OLR assessment is in Sakai, NSCC's online learning platform. You will find the link for Sakai on the College homepage, or you can go directly to <http://sakai.northweststate.edu>.

Your Sakai username is your NSCC student ID (N#) and your password is your myNSCC PIN.

## Need Help?

Contact the NSCC  
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## ONLINE LEARNING READINESS ASSESSMENT

For College Credit Plus Students

# The Online Learning Readiness Assessment

includes information that will help you succeed in your online classes.

## Topics include:

**Online Learning:** A brief overview of what online classes are and how they are different from the face-to-face, web-enhanced, hybrid or synchronous classes also offered by NSCC.

**Computer Competency:** A review of basic computer skills and knowledge that you would be expected to have in an online class.

**Sakai Overview:** A look at NSCC's online course portal, including where you'll find your notes and instructions, assignments, tests and quizzes, discussion forums, and even your grades.



**Life Factors:** A description of some of the personal and life factors that will affect your success in an online class, including motivation, time management, and support.

**In an Online Class:** Information on contacting your instructor, viewing feedback and participating in your online classes.

**Myths & Truths:** A look at some of the most common myths and misconceptions about online classes.



## STEPS TO ACCESS THE OLR

1. Log in to Sakai
2. Click on "Membership" in the left navigation pane.
3. Click on the "Joinable Sites" button at the top.
4. Find "OLR Assessment" in the list and click on Join.
5. Click on the "Home" link on the left navigation page.
6. Click on "OLR Assessment" at the top of the page.
7. Follow the instructions on the home page to view the content and complete the test.



## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE OLR

- ◆ You will need to add yourself to the OLR Assessment site in Sakai. Students are not automatically added.
- ◆ You can read through all of the six content modules, or review only what you may need.
- ◆ The test is 19 multiple-choice questions.
- ◆ You must score a 75% (184 points) to pass. You can see your score under Tests & Quizzes or the Gradebook.
- ◆ If you fail the OLR, you can review any of the sections and try again. You have unlimited attempts to pass the test.
- ◆ Once you pass the OLR, you can register for any future online classes without having to retake the test.
- ◆ You must complete the OLR before submitting your classes to your guidance counselor.
- ◆ **You will NOT be registered for any online class until you successfully complete the OLR.**