

The SuccessNavigator® Assessment Student Information

What is the SuccessNavigator® assessment?

The SuccessNavigator® assessment from ETS is self-administered and designed to measure the skills and strategies that relate to success in college. You will see a series of statements and will be asked to decide how well they describe you. There are no right or wrong answers! Once you complete the assessment, you will receive a report of your scores and can work on your own or with your advisor to address any skills that you need to improve.

How long is it?

There are 94 questions and some background information needed at the end. Most students will take about 25–30 minutes to complete the assessment. Don't rush through it. If you take fewer than five minutes to complete the 94 questions, your score will not be reported. However, there is no time limit, and you can save the assessment for a later date and pick up where you left off if you are pressed for time.

What scores will be reported to students?

Each college chooses when you will see your score report. In some cases the score report will display immediately after finishing the assessment. In other cases, you may need to see an advisor, faculty member or other person on campus to discuss your scores together.

How is it scored?

Each area is given a High, Medium or Low score. On your score report, you will see some descriptors of what the High, Medium or Low scores means in each particular area of the assessment.

What skills does the assessment measure?

There are four general skill areas measured: Academic Skills, Commitment, Self-Management and Social Support. Each of these areas is broken into smaller measurement areas as well.

Academic Skills is also measured by Meeting Class Expectations and Organization. Commitment is also measured by Commitment to College Goals and Institutional Commitment. Self-Management is measured as Sensitivity to Stress, Test Anxiety and Academic Self-Efficacy. Social Support is measured as Institutional Support, Barriers to Success and Connectedness.

When and where is the assessment given?

Each college chooses when and where to give the assessment. You may be asked to come to a college test center or classroom or you may be allowed to take the assessment at home on your personal computer or iPad®.

Why should you try your best?

While there are no right or wrong answers, it is important that you are honest with yourself when you choose your answer. This assessment will help you to identify your strengths and areas that need improvement. Research shows that these skills are extremely important for success in college, so it will be to your benefit to consider and focus on these skills during your college career. High scores indicate areas that can be helpful tools for you, while Low scores represent areas where you might want to focus or seek some support.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have concerns about a specific question, bring them to the attention of the test supervisor, after you have completed the test, so that the questions can be forwarded to ETS. ETS investigates and responds to all questions raised by students and supervisors.

