Frequently Asked Questions

What is EdReady?

"EdReady is a math readiness system to help students avoid the time and cost of remedial courses in colleges. Depending on how your institution will configure EdReady, your students may use EdReady to:

- Determine their readiness to take college-level math courses.
- Follow a personalized study path to master specific concepts in math.
- Prepare for specific standardized exams, such as the ACT®, SAT®, Accuplacer®, or Compass®.
- Help manage and achieve academic and employment goals.

EdReady is based around the concept of "goals" - what students want to achieve. Within those goals, students take an assessment or two to understand where they stand in relation to their goal and then pursue a personalized study path based on their diagnostic results – enabling students to study and develop the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve their goals."

Who can use WDLC EdReady?

Any student in middle school or high school in which their school is a WDLC current partner and they are enrolled in a WDLC online course. Make sure you check our most up to date WDLC Partner School list to see if your school has an established program before you inquire about using WDLC EdReady. Students can be signed up through their school's Local Education Guide (LEG) or the EdReady school contact.

What does EdReady cost? WDLC EdReady is FREE for partner schools for two years. What happens in 2018-19?

During the first two years (2016-2018) of the project; data, feedback, outcomes and comments will be collected on the math readiness programs and used to create a proposal for the future of WDLC EdReady to adequately meet the demands of our state. It is the vision of the WDLC and EdReady Wisconsin team that it will be freely available to WDLC partner schools as a priority in our course offerings if funding remains. **Subsidized by WDLC TEACH appropriation and Wisconsin Virtual School.

What are the technical requirements to use EdReady?

WDLC EdReady is a cloud-based application that personalizes the pathways to college readiness via referral to appropriate digital resources. By default, users are directed to resource components of the NROC Developmental Math program, which include **significant Flash-based content**, so the technical requirements for utilizing those media are included here.

- Operating System: Microsoft® Windows® XP (32 bit) or higher (for Windows users) or Mac OS X v10.6 or v10.7 (for Mac users).
- **Browser:** Internet Explorer 9.0 or later, Mozilla Firefox 4.0 or later, Google Chrome, Safari 5.0 or later.
- Flash Player 10.1 or higher.
- Internet Connection: A high-speed Internet connection, such as DSL or Cable Modem, is highly recommended.
- Content Filtering: Go to this site to see the guidelines for web filtering Filtering Guidelines Link
- Mobile Device Note (updated July 20, 2015): Some EdReady content library resources use Flash. iPad and cell phone users will get the "presentations" and "worked examples" from the resource library rather than the whole topic with integrated study questions and text book. In the coming months the textbook will be added. By summer of 2016, the program will use HTML 5 and not have flash objects. In the meantime, efforts are also underway to enable a solution through Puffin Academy that will allow users to browse using their site and use

the flash objects embedded by them thus allowing full access to the NROC library items that used Flash.

Is EdReady aligned to Common Core Standards?

The WDLC EdReady program can customize solutions to prepare students for any level of math between "basic arithmetic" and "pre-calculus" with a sprinkling of geometry, trigonometry, measurement and stats mixed in. It can be aligned to any combination of units, lessons or topics upon request.

The program has shown phenomenal results for students learning the "conceptual understanding" level of all of these topics by using EdReady to "study" the resources and "test" over the content within the system. Educators then are able to build upon the solid foundation that EdReady can help provide as they teach to the higher levels of the Core Standards.

Work is also underway to create even more resources leading to WDLC EdReady goals for students working toward Wisconsin Academic Standards.

How do I get credit for EdReady?

EdReady is not a credit-bearing class. It is a customized assessment and individualized learning path tool most appropriately used to assess understanding of a discrete set of math skills. The system then allows each individual to address their deficiencies and work toward mastery of the material through custom delivered content. When used as a companion to an existing math class, any credit tied to EdReady will be the choice of the individual school or teacher and not offered through EdReady WDLC or Wisconsin Virtual School.

How do you track students?

Reporting is available in several formats. Graphic displays available inside facilitator/teacher accounts will show student progress, time in the system, last log-ins and a detailed breakdown of assessments completed during each session. When looking at goal-level reports, facilitators/teachers will also be able to track individual student progress through the units and topics as they move from "not ready" to "mastered" in each topic area.

What does research say about EdReady?

Our <u>Virtual School Leadership Alliance</u> partner <u>Montana Digital Learning Academy</u> is on their 3rd year of implementation <u>Montana Ed Ready</u> with Montana schools and the results are very promising. <u>Read more on their recent findings</u>.