



## VISION WORKFORCE SKILLS

### LOCATION:

United Kingdom

### PROGRAM ENROLLMENT:

150 students per year

### SUCCESS METRICS:

- Study mode teaches students to manage their time and answer a variety of question types
- Advanced reporting helps students study targeted topics
- Practice exams lead to 95 percent success rate on certification exams

## SUCCESS STORY

VISION WORKFORCE SKILLS PREPARES UK IT APPRENTICES FOR CAREERS WITH MEASUREUP CERTIFICATION PREPARATION EXAMS

Study and Certification Mode Practice Exams Give Students Confidence to Take and Pass Certification Exams

### INTRODUCTION

Vision Workforce Skills, a subsidiary of West Nottinghamshire College, provides education and training to individuals and businesses across the UK. Vision specializes in a broad range of sectors including information technology, health and social care, logistics, business support and construction.

The Vision program is centered on placing individuals in IT Apprenticeships to give them hands on workforce training. Professional

certification is fundamental in all of Vision's IT training programs and their training centers are Microsoft IT Academies and CompTIA partners. Passing a certification exam is a significant achievement for a Vision student since it can provide a confidence boost for a young person working to establish their career.

In order to help students better perfect their IT skills and improve certification exam pass rates, Vision has been using MeasureUp practice exam materials for many years.

## SOLUTION

Vision integrates MeasureUp practice exams into their delivery of all Microsoft and CompTIA courses and certification exams. Vision Training Center Managers find that secure online ordering allows them to quickly and easily distribute practice tests to students whether they are in a classroom or in the workplace. They use the “reports” feature to track student progress and see details such as actual scores, number of questions answered and even the elapsed time for each test.

At the beginning of each course, students use MeasureUp in “study mode” to engage with the course objectives and develop good exam techniques.

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Vision Workforce Skills

“MeasureUp is an excellent fit for our program - study mode teaches students to manage their time and answer questions in a variety of formats,” said Michael Lafferty, Curriculum Manager, Vision Workforce Skills. “We customize the practice tests to ensure our students are taking questions on the objective domain they are studying at the moment.”

One IT Apprentice and student at Vision explains how MeasureUp helps students prepare for certification exams. “The MeasureUp exams really encapsulate the style of the

CompTIA and Microsoft exam questions,” said Alex Carey, Vision Workforce Skills student and IT Apprentice at CDL. “In Practice Mode if you get a question wrong you get citations for the correct answer so you can understand the principles instead of just memorizing them. MeasureUp helps you feel more comfortable and ready to take the certification exams.”

Once the course is complete, Vision uses MeasureUp to help students get ready to take their certification exam. The students take MeasureUp tests in “certification mode” and in realistic exam conditions in a classroom. “Taking a MeasureUp test in certification mode shows the student and their tutor which areas they may not fully understand yet and need to study further,” said Lafferty. “We expect two pass marks of at least 90 percent on the MeasureUp practice exams before allowing a student to take a live certification test.”

## RESULTS

MeasureUp has helped hundreds of students prepare for the IT workforce by earning industry-recognized certification. Each year approximately 100 to 200 students go through the Vision program, and the MeasureUp exams continue to be an essential part of its success.

Technical Trainer Michael Carrick says MeasureUp allows learners to target areas they can improve and students find great success from using MeasureUp. “The explanations for answers is the key highlight of the MeasureUp system for me. They are clear and concise and provide further information for students to research. I have personally found MeasureUp to be an excellent tool and it has helped me to consistently gain achievement rates of more than 95 percent over the past few years.”

Students agree, stating that MeasureUp allows them to view comprehensive exam reports by topic so they can

concentrate and build upon the material they need to study further. “Using MeasureUp I am able to prepare for my exams and enter them with



confidence that I will pass; I would recommend it to anyone studying the available material,” said Peter Bailey, Vision Workforce Skills student and ICT Apprentice, Redditch Borough Council.

MeasureUp is also used for staff development at Vision. The companies Vision works with must be confident their training teams are up to speed on the latest industry practices, so trainers use MeasureUp regularly to refresh their knowledge on the latest technologies and meet the continuous professional development targets set by their managers.

## ABOUT MEASUREUP AND CERTIPORT

MeasureUp’s award-winning assessment and certification practice tests provide tools to reinforce learning and validate knowledge. Since 1997, MeasureUp products have allowed individuals, training, corporate and academic customers the flexibility and rigor necessary to ensure candidate and program success. MeasureUp exams are offered by Certiport, a business of Pearson VUE. For more information, please visit [www.measureup.com](http://www.measureup.com).

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