New to Online Learning

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Being Successful in Online Courses



It is very common for students to think that an online class is easier than a face-to-face one. However, many find the opposite is true.

To be successful in an online course, you should:

- Have a working computer with stable internet access (a wired internet connection is recommended for taking quizzes).
- Have a supported browser (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-supported-browsers) installed.
- Consider your motivation, self-discipline and home support system.
- Evaluate your time, your level of self-motivation, and how savvy you are with technology.
- Find out about the support services available and who to contact to access those services.
- Set aside a time and place for study.
- View the Good Start Checklist (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/good-start-checklist).

Is Online Learning for you?

Before you enroll in an online course, take some time to assess your current skill sets that are essential for the successful online student.

- **SmarterMeasure (https://lonestar.smartermeasure.com/)** is an assessment that will give you an idea of your strengths in various components. Use the following login and password to access:

  Login: **lscstudent**
  Password: **lonestar**

Lone Star College Advising and Registration Resources

Once students have completed the admissions and advising process, the next step is registration. The Advising process is an integral part of your academic success.

- **Advising Services for Online Students (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/advising-services-online-students)**
- Do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional assistance. We're here to help you!

Login to D2L

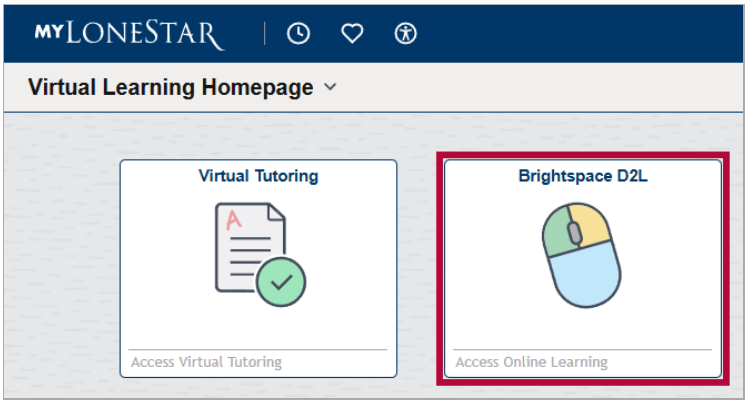
All online course activities like taking a quiz, turning in an assignment, and online discussions are done through **D2L Brightspace**, LSC's Learning Management System.

To access **D2L Brightspace**:

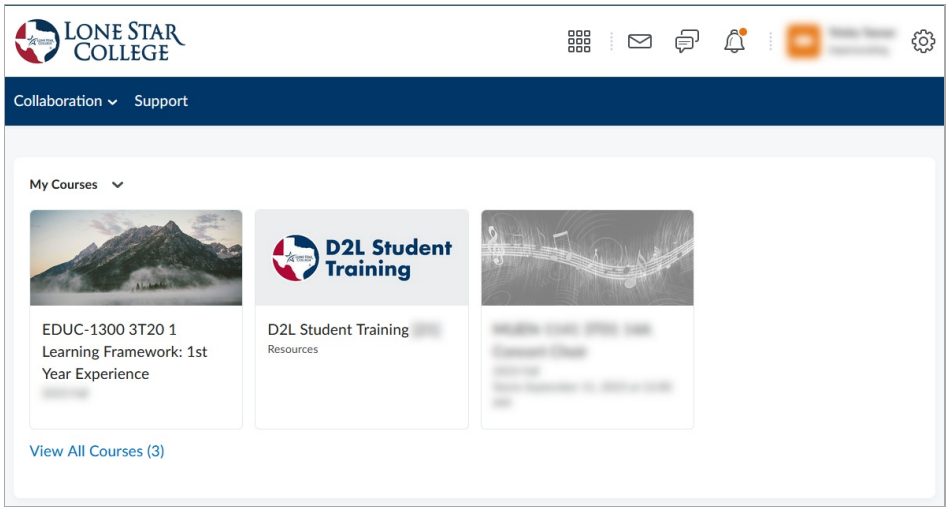
1. Login to myLoneStar (https://my.lonestar.edu/) and click on the **[Virtual Learning]** tile.



2. Click on the **[Brightspace D2L]** tile. The **D2L Homepage** will open in a new tab.



3. You will now be on your **D2L Homepage**.



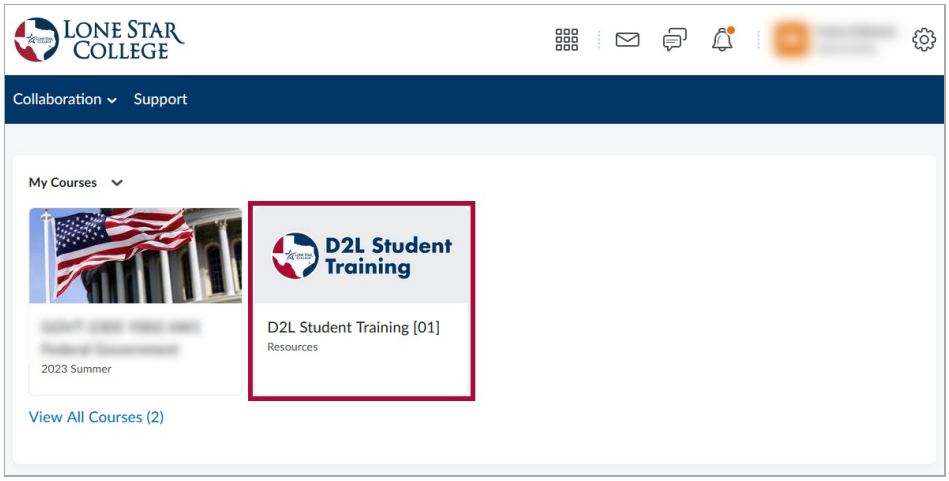
D2L Student Training

Students enrolled in online and hybrid courses are required to complete the **D2L Student Training** before they have access to their courses in the D2L Learning Management System.

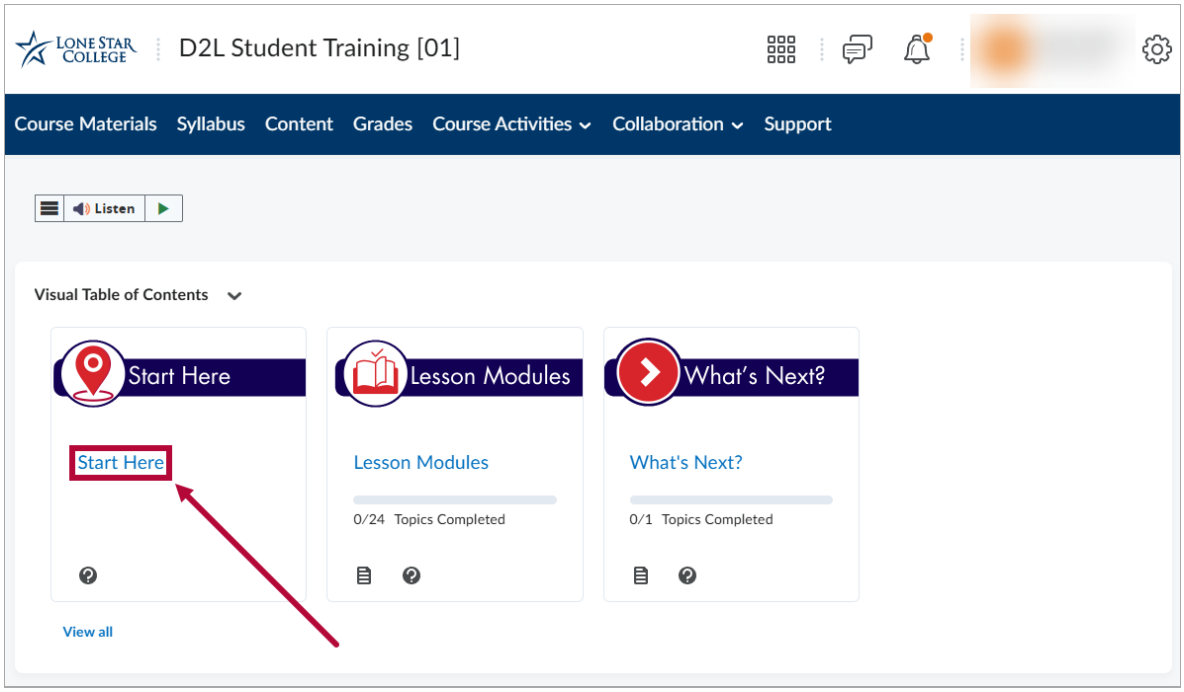
You will find the training listed in your D2L course list on your **D2L Homepage**.

To access the **D2L Student Training**:

1. Access your **D2L Homepage** (see the section above (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/new-to-online-learning#login-to-d2l) for how to access it). On your course list, click on the **[D2L Student Training]** tile.

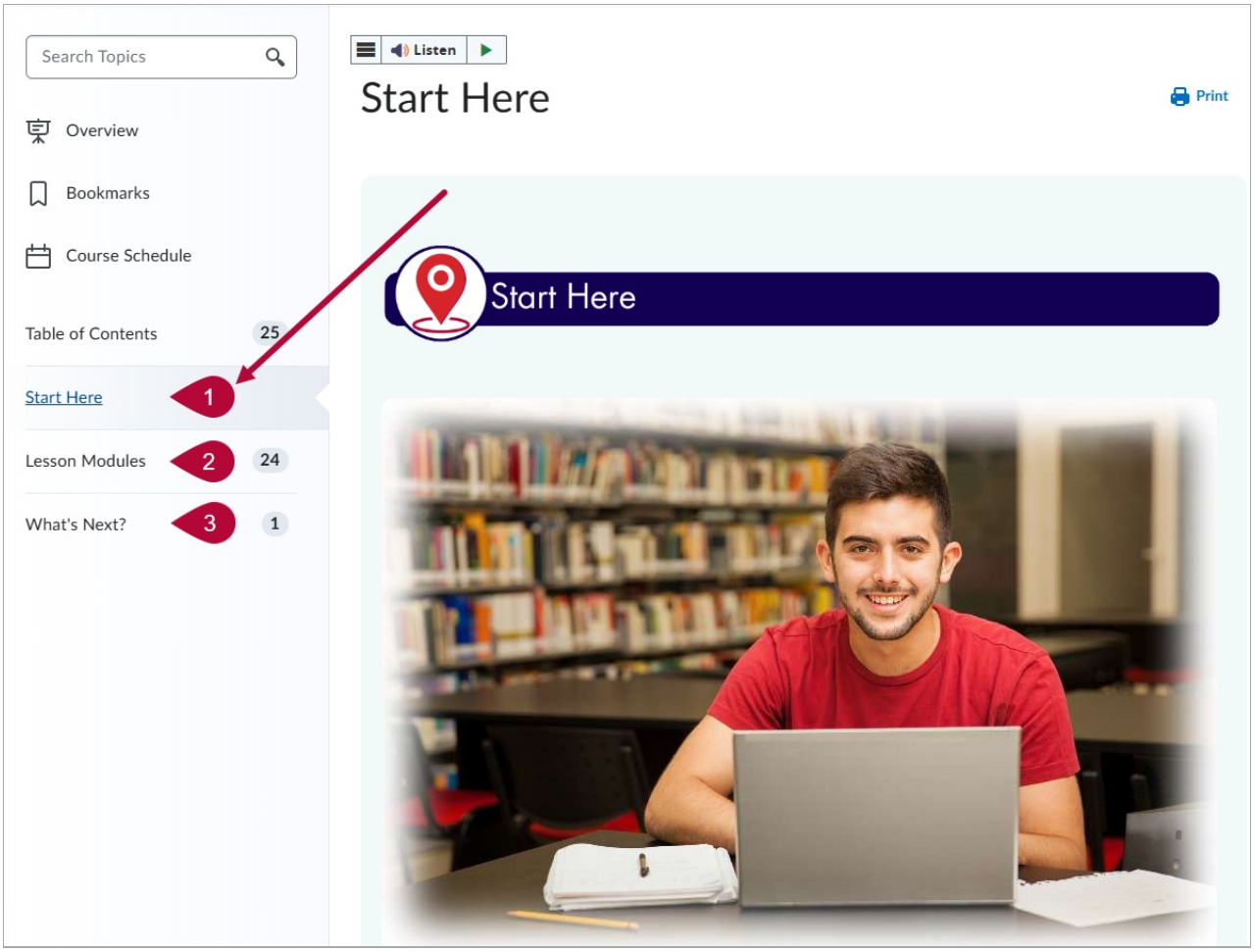


2. On the course homepage, click **[Start Here]** to begin the training.



3. Work through the material in the D2L Student Training through the navigation: **[Start Here]**. After reading through **Start Here**, click **[Lesson Modules]** to access the training modules for the lesson. Click **[What's Next?]** to access the training quiz after you are finished with the lesson.

NOTE: After you successfully score an **80% or higher** on the quiz, you will be able to access your courses **on or after the course start date**. You will **NOT** be able to access your D2L course before the course's start date.



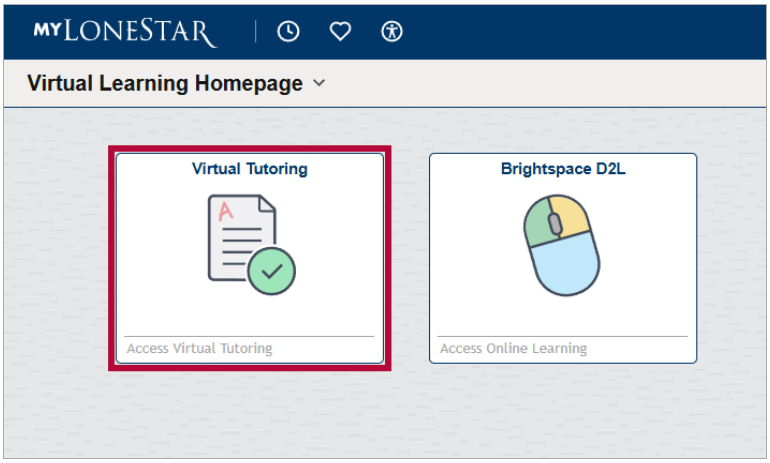
- Have more questions? See our D2L Student Training (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-student-training) article.

Online Tutoring Support

Students who are enrolled in only online courses at Lone Star College have access to online tutoring from the myLoneStar portal.

Show Video Walkthrough

1. Login to myLoneStar (https://my.lonestar.edu/) and click on the **[Virtual Learning]** tile.
2. Click on the **[Virtual Tutoring]** tile.



- See also Brainfuse Online Tutoring (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a366).