College Student Inventory (CSI) Definitions of Measures

Summary of Academic Motivation

Dropout Proneness measures student's overall inclination to drop out of college before finishing a degree.

Predicted Academic Difficulty predicts who is most likely to have low grades in college.

Educational Stress shows student's general feelings of distress in the context of college.

Receptivity to Institutional Help indicates how responsive a student is likely to be to intervention.

Academic Motivation

Study Habits measure the amount of time and effort students put into their studies.

Intellectual Interest measures the degree to which student's enjoy reading and discussing serious ideas.

Verbal Confidence measures the degree to which student's feel capable of doing well in courses that heavily emphasize reading, writing, and public speaking.

Math and Science Confidence measures the degree to which student's feel capable of doing well in math and science courses.

Desire to Finish College measures the strength of student's commitment to completing a degree.

Attitude Toward Educators measures the degree to which student see teachers and administrators as competent, reasonable, and caring.

General Coping

Sociability measures student's desire for companionship and social entertainment.

Family Emotional Support measures the satisfaction student's feel with the communication that occurs in their family.

Opinion Tolerance measures the degree to which student's feel they can accept people whose political and social opinions differ sharply from their own.

Career Closure measures the degree to which student's have thought carefully about their career options and have made a firm decision to pursue a specific career.

Sense of Financial Security measures student's satisfaction with the amount of money available to them while at college.

Receptivity to Support Services

Academic Assistance measures student's interest in receiving help with academic skills.

Personal Counseling measures student's interest in receiving counseling for personal matters.

Social Enhancement measure the degree to which student would like some help getting involved in social activities on campus.

Career Counseling measures student's interest in receiving counseling for career/vocational matters.

Financial Guidance measures student's desire to discuss ways of increasing financial resources for college.