Value to Students

improved retention - making it stick

the assessments available in dti**Metrics** encourages students to think around the subject and so clarify their understanding. This assists in cementing the new knowledge to their existing conceptual frameworks which promotes meaningful learning.

adds variety and challenge which helps maintain interest

most people seem to enjoy testing their knowledge - just look at the popularity of game shows, pub quizzes etc. It maintains interest and can increase your sense of self-esteem by concentrating on how far you have travelled.

increased probability of getting through certification exams

if students need to pass computer delivered certification exams dti**Metrics** will help instil the confidence and increase their ability to use this medium eg A+ the post-training assessments simulate the actual exam. It's a bit like doing crossword puzzles, the more you do the easier it gets as you get comfortable with the game.

save time and energy by focusing on what is necessary and sufficient

the pre-training assessment combined with the ability of the trainer to set performance levels allows students to really understand where they need to direct their attention. The assessment can be against external certification or internally provided learning objectives. It allows a more targeted approach to training so ensuring the clients/students that their investment of time and money is not being wasted teaching people what they already know. When dti**Metrics** maps back to predefined objectives then students can chose whichever training medium they want so long as it maps back to those objectives. Where dti**Metrics** maps back to training materials eg a training manual it will tell them which section to refer to.

helping students know when to stop learning

some people tend to carry on learning because they ***feel*** they haven't got it yet which can waste time and money. dti**Metrics** provides a stop sign. Once you have achieved the required performance, established by the trainer, then you can stop learning and start doing - the Microsoft Certified Application Specialist assessments include use of the live software and so increase the students confidence that they can actually do it.

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