Do you possess the characteristics of an online learner?

Self-Motivated

Students who can direct their own learning environment, fulfill course requirements, and achieve individual academic success.

Independent Learner

The online environment enables students to learn at their own pace, whether it's traditional, extended, or accelerated, relieving the stress of feeling rushed or pressured, and providing enjoyment in the learning process. You will have the same amount of work as you do in a traditional course, but you have the option to log in and work 24/7.

Technologically Prepared

Although it's not necessary to have advanced computer skills, students should possess a working knowledge of electronic email, the internet, and basic keyboarding skills. Successful online learners do have easy access to computers and the Internet. Even if you have a computer at school, you will be more successful if you have additional access elsewhere. A successful online learner knows how to open, create and/or save a document; use various technology tools (e.g., dictionary, thesaurus, grammar checker, calculator); and identify various file formats (e.g., doc, xls, pdf, jpg).

Time Management

Students must be able to organize and plan their own best "time to learn." There is no one best time for everyone, but the key to learning is to commit the time to learn.

Effective Communication

Students must use electronic mail to communicate with their peers as well as their instructors. The ability to write clearly in order to communicate ideas and assignments is very important to student success as well as a means to inform instructors of any concerns or problems.

Personal Commitment

Since there are no bells that begin and end classes, students must have a strong desire to learn and achieve knowledge and skills via online courses. Making a commitment to learn in this manner is a very personal decision and requires a strong commitment to participate in order to achieve academic success.

Seek help when needed

Often students give up when faced with an assignment or activity they are struggling with. It is essential that students develop a habit of seeking help when stuck with a difficult task.

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