

Online Readiness Questionnaire

Are you ready to take an online class? Complete the questionnaire below to find out. Your score will give you an idea of your readiness for the special environment of online learning:

1. My computer skills are:
 - a. High. I am comfortable with electronic mail, web-browsing and various software programs.
 - b. Moderate. I am okay if there isn't too much typing and special software.
 - c. Low. I don't like using a computer and I am a novice on most programs.

2. My typing skills are:
 - a. Very good.
 - b. Average.
 - c. Very bad. I don't enjoy typing.

3. When asked to use computers or other new technologies:
 - a. I am excited about trying things out and learning new skills
 - b. I am a little nervous but I try things out anyway.
 - c. I feel anxious and try to avoid doing it.

4. Given my busy schedule, the amount of time I have to devote to an online class is:
 - a. 9 to 12 hours per week
 - b. 4 to 8 hours per week
 - c. 0 to 3 hours per week

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5. I would classify myself as someone who:
 - a. Jumps in and gets things done ahead of time.
 - b. Need some reminding to get things done on time.
 - c. Procrastinates and put things off until the last minute.

6. I expect my instructors to:
 - a. Give me written feedback so I can improve my course performance.
 - b. Give me written feedback with some oral explanation to help me clarify some points.
 - c. Talk to me so I can really understand the material.

7. I expect my instructors to:
 - a. Give me comments within a week so I can review what I did.
 - b. Give me comments within a day or two or I forget what I did.
 - c. Give me comments right away or I get frustrated.

8. Who is most responsible for my learning and academic success?
 - a. I am ultimately responsible.
 - b. My teacher and I share equal responsibility.
 - c. My teacher is the most responsible for what and how much I learn.

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9. When it comes to asking questions...
 - a. I am comfortable approaching an instructor for assistance.
 - b. I am a little uncomfortable but I understand that is part of understanding the course.
 - c. I rarely ask for assistance even when I know I need it.

SCORE: _____

If you scored 36 to 45 points you are ready to take an online course and you should do well in a learner based environment.

If you scored 27 to 35 points, an online course may work for you but you might need to make some adjustments in your schedule and study habits.

If you scored below 27 points, an online course is probably not the best alternative for you at this time.