

# Are you ready to be an online student?

Learning through an online course requires a different skill set than learning in a face-to-face class. It is important to know what you are getting into and to understand the commitment necessary for success in online learning. Take a few minutes to get a better idea of your readiness for online learning by answering the following questions.

1. Do you have enough time to take an online course(s)? Yes    No  
(On average a 3 credit hour course offered over 16 weeks requires three hours of in-class lecture weekly, and for each hour of class, at least two hours of outside preparation are expected).
2. Do you have the necessary basic computer skills? Yes    No  
(You should be able to create, save, manage, and upload files).
3. Do you have regular and reliable access to the Internet? Yes    No  
(Computer requirements for online courses include cable modem internet connection (broadband) 3mbps or higher).
4. Do you have the necessary hard and software requirements for the course? Yes    No  
(Please check the current information found on the Baptist School of Health Professions web site)
5. Are you comfortable with learning a new online course system? Yes    No  
(Baptist School of Health Professions utilizes an online learning platform (Moodle) and provides an orientation to the system).
6. Are you able to respond to emails and online posts in a timely manner? Yes    No  
(You should be confident that you can set enough time aside for your weekly online course assignments and study time).
7. Do you have strong written communication skills? Yes    No  
(Keep in mind, your primary means of communication is through writing. Being able to send a well-structured message will help with the communication process).
8. Are you able to be self-motivated with minimal supervision? Yes    No  
(Student success will be marked by finishing assignments on time, submitting quality work, and responding regularly throughout the course).

If you answered "Yes" to ALL of the above questions, this is a good indicator that you have the tools to be a successful online learner and may be well suited to the online classroom environment.

If you answered "No" to any of the above questions, you may want to reconsider taking online courses at this time. Online courses can be an exciting way to learn. Their convenience and flexibility appeals to students, but they are not for everyone. This is often because the student does not have the proper equipment or, more importantly, the personal skills and habits required of online students.

This self-assessment has been created to help you decide if online learning is for you. It can serve as an indicator but not as a definitive answer. For further assistance in making your decision, please contact Baptist School of Health Professions Admissions Department.