

# Characteristics of a Successful Online Student

- ✓ You are self-disciplined. You do not need to rely on your parents or teachers to keep you on task and involved in the course.
- ✓ You are able to communicate through the computer. Remember that all of your communication takes place through a written format.
- ✓ You are well organized.
- ✓ You are willing to ask questions immediately if a problem occurs with either technology or the course content.
- ✓ You are comfortable reading information. Remember that you must read all coursework and communications from your instructor.
- ✓ You are willing and able to work in your Virtual Campus course for a minimum of 5 to 7 hours per week.
- ✓ You are prepared to participate in your Virtual Campus course at least 4 days a week.
- ✓ You are able to complete assignments on time.
- ✓ You are aware that an online course is not easier than a traditional course. In fact, many students say it requires more time and commitment. Successful students view online courses as a convenient way to learn – not an easier way.
- ✓ You are comfortable working alone without daily face-to-face teacher intervention and/or peer contact.
- ✓ You are aware that technology can be both a convenience and a frustration.
- ✓ You are aware that online learning is not for everyone.



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Courses are offered during  
fall, spring, and summer.**