Successful Online Student Traits

Self Motivation

Successful students have a strong desire to learn skills, acquire knowledge, and fulfill assignments in online courses because of an educational goal.

Effective Communication

Successful students ask for help, make contact with other students and the instructor online, and describe any problems they have with learning materials using email, text messaging, and/or the telephone.

Academic Readiness

Successful students are reading at or above grade level and have demonstrated success with a wide variety of writing assignments.

Asynchronous Learning

Asynchronous learning does not require interaction with others at the same time. For example, interactions and communications may happen through forums, blogs, email, website links, discussions, or other contexts where learners may participate within a wider, more flexible range of times when other participants, including the instructor, are not actively present in the same moment. Students can expect all deadlines to be outlined and easily accessible, instructor responses within 24 hours, student help and resources, and technology support.

Independent Study Habits

Successful online students study and complete assignments without direct supervision and maintain the self-discipline to stick to a schedule.

Good Time Management

Successful students create and maintain a study schedule throughout the semester without face-to-face interaction with a teacher.

Time Commitment

Time Management is KEY to successful online learning. **On average students spend 4 to 5 hours a week per course.**

Technologically Prepared

Successful students have excellent computer and internet skills with the ability to use word processing applications, email, and internet tools along with daily access to a device and moderate speed internet. Lightweight devices such as smartphones are not recommended.