

Online Readiness Self-Assessment

Step 1: Answer each question below. Mark 1 for yes 0 for no.

- I have reliable access to a computer with high-speed internet connection (Cable or DSL).
 - I can create, rename, save, delete folders.
 - I can save, rename, and back-up files on my hard drive and removable media, such as a USB flash drive.
 - I know how to log into Moodle, and am capable of downloading and uploading files.
 - I know how to download and install software on my computer.
 - I can locate and access information using a web search engine.
 - I can use chat features for real-time communication.
 - I can post messages to discussion forums.
 - I know how to check my official South College e-mail account and can check it regularly for new messages; I can create, send, forward, reply to, save and delete email messages as well as send, open, and save email attachments.
 - I have access to and am familiar with Microsoft Word, including composing essays, copying and pasting text, printing, setting margins, adding page numbers, changing fonts, and other basic types of formatting.
 - I understand that distance learning will require an equal or greater amount of work than an on-ground course; I am prepared to dedicate 10-12 hours a week per distance learning course.
 - I am self-directed, self-motivated, and capable of working independently.
 - I am able to stay on task and avoid distractions while studying.
 - Distance learning courses at South College are not self-paced; there are deadlines and due dates that must be met on all assignments. I can manage my study time efficiently to complete assignments on time.
 - I am comfortable expressing my thoughts in writing using formal grammar and spelling.
 - I have no problem retaining information if I read it.
 - I can learn from a variety of formats (lectures, videos, podcasts, online discussion).
 - If I can't figure something out, I am comfortable asking my classmates or the instructor for help via email, discussion board, or chat.
- Step 2: Tally the number**

Step 3: Evaluate your readiness for distance learning using the following guide.

Score of 16-18: You may be a very good candidate for distance learning.

Score of 13-15: You may be a good candidate for distance learning, but you may need some preparation before undertaking a distance learning course.

Score of 0-12: You may not be a good candidate for distance learning at this time. You most likely will face more challenges than may be desired in a distance learning class. You will need to understand some of the challenges you may face and know what you need to do to overcome them before taking a distance learning course.