

Is An ONLINE Program Right for Me?

Can you answer YES to each of the following?

- Do you have access to a computer on a regular daily basis?
- Is your computer up-to-date and do you have high-speed internet access? (Not sure what the required specs are? Click [here](#).)
- Is your computer PC based? (Mac users, take particular note: this format is PC based, and can only operate on certain Mac platforms. Moreover, you will need access to a PC/Windows computer for all online testing.)
- Are you computer savvy—able to navigate software and the internet?
- Can you type reasonably well?
- Can you read and understand new information presented on a computer screen reasonably well?
- Are you able to communicate your ideas in writing using your computer?
- Can you afford to work 16 hours or less per week for the next 15 months? (Studies have shown that students who work 20 hours or less a week have a higher chance of success in nursing school.)

What is Your **Learning Style**—

Are you more likely to be successful with a traditional classroom or an online format?

1. Have you taken an online course before?
2. If so, did you complete the course?
3. Did you feel the course facilitated your learning style in an effective manner?
4. Did you enjoy learning in this manner?
5. Do you like to read or do you prefer having things explained to you face-to-face?
6. Are you self-directed and self-motivated to be successful in an online program?
7. Do you think an online course is easier than a traditional classroom course? (You will be required to participate in online class discussions, unlike a traditional course where you may not be required to actively interact in the discussions.)
8. Do you need face-to-face interaction with classmates or professors to feel motivated?

Personal Factors Key to **Success**

1. Do you have good time management skills? (This accelerated online program is fast-paced with very little time to catch up if you fall behind. Procrastinators will have trouble!)
2. Are you well-organized? Do you routinely schedule adequate time to complete your studies?
3. Are you able to stay home and study when friends and family are doing fun things without you?
4. Do you like to work and learn independently?
5. Can you survive on less than 2 weeks off between terms/semesters?
6. Are you willing to attend clinical and lab sessions on weekends? Sessions are often scheduled on Saturday and Sunday and sometimes on evenings. The schedule is very rigid and attendance is mandatory.