

## Self-assessment questions for independent learners

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**Do you have what it takes to be a successful virtual college student? Print this page and then tick the statements that best describe you and your study habits. Total each column and refer to the assessment statements below for your results.**

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|  | I regularly have 10-14 hours per week to spend on this course.  | OR | I sometimes have 10-14 hours a week to spend, but many times I do not.   |  |
|  | I am a good reader and I enjoy learning by reading.   | OR | I'm an "OK" reader, but I prefer to have an instructor present the materials.  |  |
|  | I am able to work independently and seldom need reassurance that I am doing my work correctly.  | OR | I prefer courses where my instructor gives me constant guidance.   |  |
|  | I have specific days/times available to work on my internet course.   | OR | I plan to schedule my internet course work around my other activities.   |  |
|  | I can budget my time well and prioritise activities efficiently.  | OR | I work better when someone tells me what to do and gives me due dates.   |  |
|  | I realise that the class work of an internet course is equal to or greater than that of a regular on-campus course.   | OR | I want to take this internet course because there is probably less work to do than in a regular course.  |  |
|  | I am willing to take responsibility for getting whatever help I may need with this course by contacting an instructor.  | OR | I would not feel comfortable contacting an instructor for help.  |  |
|  | I understand that in most cases I will not be getting immediate replies to e-mail that I send to my instructor.   | OR | I prefer getting an immediate answer to a question, rather than waiting.   |  |
|  | I realise that course requirements and due dates are there for good reasons, and I feel I can structure my time effectively to meet them.   | OR | I know that course requirements and due dates are there for good reasons, but I feel that exceptions should be made if I get behind on my work.      |  |
|  | I have met the recommended pre-requisites for this course.  | OR | I have not met the recommended pre-requisites for this course.   |  |
|  | <i>A greater number of ticks in the left-hand column suggests that you may be a successful independent learner, and that virtual college courses may be a good match for you.</i> |    | <i>A greater number of ticks in the right-hand column indicates that virtual college courses may not be the most effective way for you to learn.</i> |  |