



**ARE YOU READY TO TAKE AN ONLINE COURSE?**

**Are You Ready To Take an Online Class?**

	YES	NO
1. I have my own personal computer or laptop to use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I have access to a reliable, fast speed internet connection at home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I can type on a computer keyboard effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I am resourceful and can use new technology with limited assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I am comfortable writing in English using good grammar.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I am prepared to read as much or more text as I would read in a traditional classroom, follow written instructions and keep up with email and notifications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I know how to attach a file to an email message.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I know how to take a screen shot image of my computer window.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I know how to change the settings on an internet browser.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. I can complete my assignments on time without anyone reminding me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I believe online classes require as much time and work as a traditional classroom course.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I am not reluctant to contact my instructor whenever I need more information about assignments or have questions about the lessons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered “no” to 4 or more questions above, then online classes may not be the best choice for your current skills and learning style.

**Did You Know That ...**

- Online classes use the same syllabus, the same textbook and cover the same course content as traditional classroom courses?
- Successful online students login to their online course 3 or more times per week?
- Students are required to meet specific due dates throughout the semester and on-line courses are not self-paced?
- Technical issues are not an acceptable reason for failure to meet course expectations?
- Your instructor and classmates will probably not be online at the same time as you, meaning most interaction and communication will not occur in real time?
- Tablets and mobile phones do not provide complete access to all online features?
- Online classes are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week beginning from midnight the first day of the semester until the last day of the semester?
- Blackboard tracks your activities in an online course and instructors have access to student activity reports?
- Anti-plagiarism software is available to assess the originality of your work?
- Some online classes require in person proctored testing?

**For More Information**

Write to [online@pccc.edu](mailto:online@pccc.edu).  
 Contact the Director of Distance Education, Randy Jenkins at 973-684-5790.  
 Login to a sample online class. Directions for logging in are on the Online Learning at PCCC Libguide at <http://pccc.libguides.com/online>.