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# Online College

Online courses offer an excellent opportunity for busy students to pursue their educational goals at times and locations convenient to them. These courses are offered over the Internet, and in most cases do not require on-campus attendance. Online courses have virtually the same content and satisfy the same academic requirements as their on-campus counterparts.

## Online Student Success

Online courses are rigorous and require a clear commitment. To succeed in such an environment you need to be an independent learner, well-organized, disciplined and constantly on task. Students should check the online course descriptions at *online.sbcc.edu* for information about making initial contact with the instructor for a course. We strongly encourage you to take the assessment to determine whether you are ready to take an online course. You can find this at <http://online.sbcc.edu/support/orientation>.

## On-Campus Attendance

Although most online courses do not require specific time-and-place commitments, some online courses require varying levels of on-campus attendance, as determined by the instructor:

- Fully online courses require no on-campus meetings or exams but may require students to take exams in a proctored setting.
- Partially online courses may require attendance at on-campus orientations and exams, or have regular meeting times.

Students are advised to check the online course descriptions at *online.sbcc.edu* for information on each section's attendance requirements.

## Fully Online Programs

The following online degrees and certificates are offered completely online:

- Liberal Studies (A.A.)
- Cancer Information Management (A.S., Cert.)
- Health Information Technology (A.S.)
- Medical Coding Specialist (Cert.)
- Medical Reimbursement Specialist (Cert.)
- Computer Proficiency (Cert.)

## Technical Requirements

All online courses require that students have access to a computer with an Internet connection and a recommended web browser in order to log-on to their course websites. Information on specific requirements is located at *online.sbcc.edu*. Please note that Modern Languages courses may require that a student use a computer with sound capabilities. We strongly encourage you to take the assessment to determine whether you are ready to take an online course. You can find this at <http://online.sbcc.edu/support/orientation>.

## Support for Classes

While taking an online class, students will be able to get help and support from several sources. For example, technical assistance is available through Student Technical Support. Accessibility assistance for disabled students is available through Disabled Student Programs/Services (DSPS). Contact the DSPS staff for details. You will find additional student services embedded in the college's authorized learning management system.

## Additional Information

Course schedules, technical requirements and registration information can be found online at *online.sbcc.edu*. For support, call 965-0581, ext. 2949 or e-mail [online@sbcc.edu](mailto:online@sbcc.edu).