Is Online Learning Right For You?

Considerations:

- Reliable computer and stable Internet connection
- Basic Internet and computer skills
- Self-motivated and able to work independently
- Self-discipline to complete assignments (i.e., rarely procrastinate)
- Effective time management
  - Able to devote sufficient number of hours each week (see below)
  - Patience to wait for a response/feedback
- Reading and writing skills are essential
  - Able to follow and comprehend course material through reading
  - Able to communicate through writing
- May be required to come to campus for assessment

Sample Hours Calculation:

- In a typical three credit course, you would spend 45 contact hours in a 15 week face-to-face course
- Add to this at least three times that amount for work done outside the course (i.e., studying, completing assignments, group work, etc.) – this is an additional 135 hours
- This is a total of 45 + 135 = 180 hours during a 15 week semester or 12 hours each week... or 1.7 hours every day (including weekends!)

- In a 10 week course, this equates to 18 hours per week... or 2.6 hours daily
- In a 7 week course, this equates to 25.7 hours per week... or 3.7 hours daily
- In a 6 week course, this equates to 30 hours per week... or 4.3 hours daily