Are you ready for online learning?

The following questions are intended to guide you in your decision about whether this online course is a good study option for you. If you are unsure, you may wish to take a web-enhanced course to determine if you are comfortable with online learning before taking a completely online course.

Are you ready as a learner? - Assessing your learning style

Answer the following questions honestly to determine if online learning is a good match for your learning preferences. *Please type a number in the box beside each question, 1 = Poor / Never true, 5 = Excellent / Always true.*

How would you rate your organisational skills?

I am a very self-directed learner.

I tend to get things done ahead of time rather than waiting to the last minute.

I can figure out written instructions very well on my own.

I prefer immediate feedback on assignments and get frustrated when I have to wait.

I like learning about new technologies; they don't intimidate me.

I am a very comfortable and skilled reader.

I like engaging in written communication.

I prefer to talk to people to clarify what is needed and get support rather than working on my own.

Additional Personal Concerns

Realistically, how many hours per week can you devote to your online learning course?

How many hours per week do you work in paid or voluntary employment?

How many hours per week do you have access to a computer and the Internet?

Have you considered how an online learning course will fit in with family and other commitments?

(Circle one)

Yes / No

Are you ready as a computer user?

I can perform the following computer tasks:

Turn my computer on, off, and reboot
☐

Comfortably use a mouse
☐

Create folders on the desktop and organise files
☐

Explain how you would find lost files on your hard drive:

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I can perform or am aware of the following Internet skills:

List any online chat, listserv or bulletin board discussions, Skype, social media or other online communication facilities you currently use:

Are you ready technologically? - Assessing your equipment

Please list the following specifications for your computer system:

Do you use a PC or Mac? (**NB**: *PC is the industry standard*)	
Which version of Microsoft Windows do you have on your computer?	
Which version of Microsoft Word do you have on your computer?	
Please note the name and version of the web browser that you use e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla.	
Which search engine do you use most frequently?	
What type of Internet connection do you have e.g. broadband, dial-up, mobile access, T-Stick etc	
Note the type and speed of your CPU (processor).	
What is the amount of memory on your computer?	
What type of sound card do you have?	

We strongly recommend that students who have been away from full time study for more than 3 years enrol in a study skills course prior to the course start date.