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Online

Tips for Succeeding in an Online Learning Environment

Starting school again can be a big adjustment, especially with an online program. With the proper planning, support, and resources, you can successfully earn your degree. At Norwich, we understand the dynamics of being both a student and a working adult. We provide an extensive support system of staff and faculty whose principal focus is to help you succeed academically, professionally and personally. Whether you need someone to walk you through the financial aid process, help you locate research paper sources, or provide direction you if you have to step out, we are ready, willing, and able to serve.

Plan, Plan, Plan. Determine your timeline for completing your degree and acknowledge the hurdles that might impede your way to the finish line. Your Enrollment Advisor can help you identify goals and potential obstacles as well as develop a strategy to overcome possible setbacks from incidents like work deadlines, family emergencies, or falling behind in class. Should any of these situations arise, your plan can help you get on track again.

Communication. Our faculty understand the unique needs of online students, and are dedicated to providing our students with the flexibility and resources they need to succeed. That's why it is important to communicate with your professors and Enrollment Advisor about upcoming life events, travel for work, or trouble with the course material so that adjustments can be made before you fall behind.

Time Management. Although we offer students flexibility when 'life' happens it is your responsibility to keep up with coursework and make time for weekly discussion posts, readings, and assignments. All of our students face challenges that traditional students do not, but our successful students make their coursework a priority and schedule it into their weekly routine.

Pace Yourself. Some students enter the program with the goal of graduating as soon as possible. Our goal is to see all of our students graduate, so we encourage students to acclimate to online learning before enrolling in more than one course per term. Once you have experience with the pace and demands of the program, you will then be able to gauge how practical taking two courses over eight weeks might be for your learning style and schedule. Your Enrollment Advisor can provide guidance on the classes that will make the most sense for you. Don't burn yourself out!

Camaraderie. Find support with your classmates. Discussion boards are not just places to submit weekly participation posts, but to get to know your classmates, share ideas, and make friends. If you are struggling with an assignment, a concept, or are overwhelmed with being a student in addition to all your other responsibilities, know that you are not alone. Many of your classmates are having similar experiences, and working through them with a peer can make all the difference.

We want to see you succeed. Don't hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

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Schedule Your Coursework

Every adult student faces challenges that a traditional student does not. Our successful students make coursework a priority and schedule it into their routine. Below is a sample plan that can provide guidance on how coursework may fit into your life.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
School Work	Workout	School Work	Workout	School Work	Workout	Family Breakfast
Lunch	Work	Work	Work	Work	Work	School Work
Get Outdoors	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
School Work	Work	Work	Work	Work	Work	School Work
BBQ with Friends	Dinner	Get Outdoors	Dinner	Family Dinner	Dinner with Friends	Relax
	School Work	Dinner	Relax			Dinner

A Motivating Force

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