



# Are You Ready to Teach a Distance Learning Course?

## Self Checklist

Resource: Los Angeles Virtual College Online: Virtual Valley:  
<http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/areyouready.htm>



## Here Are Some Basic Questions to Ask Yourself in Deciding if Teaching Online is Right or You.

1. Do you have regular access to a computer?
2. Do you consider yourself an average to above average computer user?
3. Do you have regular access to a high speed internet connection?
4. Do you check your email on a regular basis?
5. Are you receptive to new classroom technology?
6. Are you willing to spend the time to learn how to use the Blackboard platform?
7. Are you willing to spend the time to develop content for teaching an online class?
8. Are you willing to spend 5-10 hours per week using the internet to facilitate a distance education class?
9. Are you willing to have regular contact with students using the internet as a method of instruction?
10. Do you feel that high quality learning can take place without going to a traditional educational facility?
11. Are you willing to spend the time to learn about online pedagogy methods?



# To Teach Online You Really Need Three Things:

## **1. Computer knowledge**

You necessary computer knowledge includes using a word processor program and communicating using email. Without basic computer skills you will experience nothing but frustration attempting to teach online.

## **2. The time to learn the techniques and systems of teaching online.**

There is a learning curve needed to teach online. You will need to spend some time learning the Blackboard classroom management system. You can receive some training and assistance by group and individual instruction as needed - remotely and locally here at Madisonville Community College.

## **3. The desire to create a quality online learning experienced for our students.**

Online teaching is not just a way to get out of classroom teaching. To enjoy the experience and feel positive about your accomplishment, you need to want to create an online learning experience that challenges your students and allows them to really learn. You will follow KCTCS and MCC procedures and guidelines and use a rubric to help you develop your course content.