

## **DISTRIBUTED LEARNING**



# About Distributed Learning

Distributed or distance learning (DL) at Medicine Hat College provides new opportunities for learning through the flexible delivery of courses and programs using a variety of learning methods including the Internet, print, workshops, audio and video-cassettes, classroom, seminar sessions, and home study.

Medicine Hat College recognizes the uniqueness of its distance learners by providing courses which enable students the flexibility to meet their individual needs.

## What is distributed learning?

Distributed learning is a general term used to describe a multi-media method of instructional delivery. This provides learning opportunities beyond the time and place constraints of the traditional classroom. The student learns with the aid of an instructor who provides guidance and direction. This method provides convenience and flexibility for the student.

## What is online learning and how does it work?

An online course is a course in which the content, whole or in part, is on the World Wide Web. At MHC, this typically involves the use of our Blackboard Learning Management System. Because courses at a distance do not require classroom attendance, students have the convenience and flexibility of balancing their studies with work, family, and other important commitments.

## Is distance learning right for me?

Distance learning is an excellent choice for many people; however, not everyone is successful with such independent work. Distance learners need to be self-motivated, organized and proficient in reading. Successful distance learners are often:

1. Independent Learners  
Successful distance learners do just as well, if not better, without people looking over their shoulders.
2. Self Motivated  
Successful distance learners never (or at least rarely) procrastinate.
3. Good Readers  
Successful distance learners have good reading comprehension skills.
4. Good Concentrators  
Successful distance learners can resist constant distractions.
5. Successful distance learners feel all right about missing the social elements of traditional schools (i.e. instead of in-class discussion, they explore the issues with their peers through e-mail and message boards or discuss what they are learning with spouses or co-workers). (Littlefield, 2006)

## Is online learning right for me?

If you are comfortable communicating online, and

1. interacting with others using computer conferencing
2. submitting assignments online
3. using e-mail and sending attachments
4. setting up projects online
5. downloading files, and sending attachments
6. participating in discussion boards
7. receiving and responding to instructor feedback online, and
8. conducting online research and using electronic databases to complete projects then online learning is for you!

## What is Online Distance Learning Like?

Distance learning is convenient and provides flexibility to the learner. Some of the advantages of distance learning are:

Learners attend a "virtual classroom", usually in Blackboard, so that there is no need to travel to the campus. Learners attend their virtual classroom at hours that fit their own personal daily schedule. Although there are deadlines to meet, learners can work on material within those deadlines at their own pace. Learners work under the guidance of their instructors, maintaining contact with their instructors via Blackboard, e-mail, telephone, or various other technologies.

Be warned, online learning is NOT EASY; it is at least as demanding as any face-to-face course. To be successful, consider the following:

- Online learners need guaranteed, routine access to a computer, whether it is at home or in a lab with an internet connection.
- A fast internet connection is a plus, but not a requirement.
- The learner must have good reading skills.
- The learner requires discipline and organization.
- The learner must be self-motivated and responsible in his/her independent studies.
- The learner must be able to set aside blocks of time weekly to read material, do the assignments, and take part in virtual classroom discussions.
- The learner must be willing to adhere to the college policies on academic honesty

To discover more about distance learning, visit our website "Is DL Right for Me?" (<https://www.mhc.ab.ca/FlexibleLearning/Is-Distributed-Learning-Right-For-Me>)

## References

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About Distance Learning (2006). [www.math.ysu.edu/online\\_distance\\_learn.htm](http://www.math.ysu.edu/online_distance_learn.htm)

# Distributed Learning Courses

## Available On-Site and Distributed Learning Format

ASTR 201	The Solar System
BIOL 020	General Biology Topics
BIOL 030	Matriculation Biology
CHEM 020	Introductory General Chemistry
CHEM 030	Matriculation Chemistry
CHEM 201	General Chemistry I
CHPC 120	Child Development I
CHPC 121	Child Development II: An Introduction to Children with Special Needs
CHPC 124	Language and Literacy
ELCC 101	Introduction to Early Learning and Child Care
ENGL 010	Introduction to Literature and Composition
ENGL 013	Fundamental English Skills I
ENGL 020	Literature & Composition Skills
ENGL 023	Fundamental English Skills 2
ENGL 030	Matriculation English
ENGL 033	Senior English
HCAP 120	Safety
HCAP 121	Caring for the Client
HCAP 122	Medication Delivery and Dementia
HCAP 130	Foundation and Communication
HCAP 131	The Body and The Mind
HCAP 132	Knowledge and Skills I
HCAP 133	Knowledge and Skills II
HCAP 134	Practicum
IDST 100	Intro Communications for Helping Professions
KNES 261	Human Anatomy
KNES 265	Functional Anatomy
MATH 010	Introductory Algebra
MATH 010FN	Introductory Applied Math
MATH 010R	Preparation for MATH 010/MATH 010FN
MATH 020	Intermediate Algebra
MATH 020FN	Intermediate Applied Math
MATH 030	Algebra and Trigonometry
MATH 030FN	Senior Applied Math
MATH 031	Introduction to Calculus
MICO 191	Introduction to Microcomputers
OCTA 215	OTA Therapeutic Processes I
OCTA 216	OTA Therapeutic Processes II
OCTA 217	OTA Therapeutic Processes III
OPTA 212	Principles and Techniques of Client Contact
OPTA 217	OTA/PTA Therapeutic Processes IV
PHTA 215	PTA Therapeutic Processes I
PHTA 216	PTA Therapeutic Processes II
PHTA 217	PTA Therapeutic Processes III
PHYS 020	General Elementary Physics
PHYS 030	Matriculation Physics
SCIE 010	Introductory Science
SLPA 206	Therapeutic Processes III
SLPA 207	Therapeutic Processes IV
SLPA 212	Basics for the Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
SLPA 215	SLPA Therapeutic Processes I
SLPA 216	SLPA Therapeutic Processes II
SOST 010	Canada Today (Selected Topics)
SOST 020	The Contemporary World: Political and Social Changes
SOST 030	Perspective on Ideology

TAPC 110	Introduction to Health Care and Rehabilitation
TAPC 111	Rehabilitation Process
TAPC 112	Human Disorders & (Dis)Abilities
TAPC 113	Growth & Development for Rehabilitation Service Providers
TAPC 210	Professional Integration for the Therapist Asst.

## Available in Distributed Learning Format Only

DBSS 160	Introduction to American Sign Language
DBSS 161	American Sign Language I
DBSS 260	American Sign Language II
EDAS 101	The Education Assistant in the Classroom
EDAS 102	Children with Social and Emotional Difficulties
EDAS 103	Children with Specific Learning Difficulties
EDAS 104	Children with Physical Impairments
EDAS 105	Children with Sensory Impairments
EDAS 106	Technology in Education
EDAS 108	Assisting with Numeracy
OPTA 218	Career Preparation for the OTA/PTA
PARA 452	EMS and the Canadian Health System
PARA 453	Community Focused Theory
PARA 454	Leadership in Health Care
PARA 455	Research
PARA 470	Paramedic Work Term I
PARA 480	Paramedic Work Term II
SLPA 218	Career Preparation for the SLP Assistant
SOST 033	Understanding of Ideologies
TRAV 101	Introduction to Global Distribution Systems (GDS)
TRAV 102	Advanced Global Distribution Systems (GDS)
TRAV 103	Destination Geography I
TRAV 105	Destination Geography II
TRAV 112	Travel Industry Products
TRAV 115	Independent and Group Travel
TRAV 118	Communications for Business
TRAV 129	The Airline Industry
TRAV 184	Career Experience
TRAV 191	The Cruise Line Industry

## Directed Study Only

TAPC 209	Directed Study
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