DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance education is a method for delivering classes to students who are separated from an instructor by time and/or place. Distance education is a convenient option for all students and particularly benefits those whose work or life schedules prevent them from regularly attending classes on campus, who live outside commuting distance, or are home bound.

WEB-BASED CLASSES AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

Online education makes it possible to attend class at any time of day, in any place students choose as long as they are connected to the World Wide Web. Because students communicate with their class online, they can complete most classes for an AAOT transfer degree without setting foot in a classroom, with the exception of a few on-campus science and speech lab meetings, scheduled to meet the needs of distant students.

Alternatives to the on-campus labs may be possible with instructor permission. A variety of degree and certificate programs are available or currently being developed for online delivery. Students outside the TVCC service areas need to set up proctors the first week of the quarter by calling the testing center at (541) 881-5799. Test center hours can be found at http://www.tvcc.cc/current/testingcenter/index.cfm.

Students who have the best success in Web-based classes are self-regulated learners with good time management skills.

In order to provide committed online student services support for distant learners, the college provides students the opportunity to:

- Apply to TVCC and register for classes electronically, eliminating the need to take time from busy schedules to come to campus.
- Purchase textbooks and supplies via telephone at (541) 881-5509 and have them shipped directly. Shipping and a small handling fee will be added to the cost of the order.
- Utilize the college's password protected electronic library services system, providing quality resources, independent of time and place.
- Speak with an admissions or student services advisor via telephone, or contact by email, to discuss educational planning and academic issues.
- Access limited technical assistance by calling the TVCC Helpdesk at (541) 881-5777 during regular business hours to support students who have difficulty logging into online courses.

Technical requirements for online courses include:

- A computer running a compatible Web browser
- Connection to the Internet
- Virus protection software (updated regularly)

Some online courses have additional technical or software requirements. Students should consult the class syllabus of the course they are considering. Minimum technical requirements are subject to change.

SMART CLASSROOM

Interactive video conferencing classes (IPV) - A variety of classes, primarily originating with faculty on the Ontario Campus, are delivered to the Caldwell campus in real time. Students interact with faculty and fellow students via two-way video and audio communication.