

# Advantages of an Online Course

WELCOME 113 PGCTE BATCH (ONLY ONLINE COURSE)

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# Free of Spatial Constraints

- ▶ This is the most appealing benefit of online education for learners with many responsibilities to balance. Since everything is available online, accessing class materials and submitting work is very convenient. Exactly when and where this takes place is up to learner, as long as assignment due dates are met.



# Instant review of teaching

- ▶ It's easy for minds to wander during a lecture. University of California psychologist Jonathan Schooler found that students lose focus about 5 times in a 45-minute class session. In many online programs, however, students can review words from professors instantly, either by rewinding the audio or video or by reading the transcript that accompanies the lecture or running recorded videos/PPTs over and over again at their convenience. Accessing a material online is not a problem.



# Less demanding

- ▶ Many learners in classroom environments aren't comfortable speaking in public. In an online environment, it can be much easier to share thoughts with others. With 74 percent of people suffering from speech anxiety, according to the National Institute of Mental Health, online education tends to foster better class participation. Moreover the fear of getting conscious and jittery is taken care of.



# Ample time to consider and reconsider

- ▶ Online schooling still has a discussion element , often in a forum or discussion board. On-campus students have to choose a stance or formulate a thought in class quickly, and sometimes speak before they've fully examined everything. In an online environment, learners can spend as much time as they want thinking about and honing their own ideas. This can lead to greater confidence and more elegant discussions.



# Group communication in huge numbers is possible

- ▶ Many degree programs today incorporate some sort of group project or teamwork. Working with others on-campus or locally means coordinating specific days and times so everyone can attend. Distance learning programs, however, foster virtual communication and allow learners/members to work with team members via email, chat rooms and other easy-to-use methods.



# Flexible learning schedule

- ▶ On-campus learners may have to endure in-person lectures that last hours. While not all online programs are built the same, many use PowerPoint presentations and other media that learners can digest in pieces. In other words, a learner can experience the first half of a lesson one day, and the second half the next day. This can be especially helpful for those who don't enjoy sitting in one place for too long.



# Diversity

- ▶ Traditional learners are often limited to courses and teachers close to home. The online student can take a French course from a teacher in France and a travel-writing course from a writer who's actually out travelling, without having to leave home.



# Instructor availability

- ▶ At traditional colleges and universities, talking to a professor after class can be challenging. Yes, instructors have office hours, but it's often only an hour or two each week, with too many students waiting for attention. While professors who teach online may also have set hours for student interaction, web-based technologies make conversing with multiple students at once much easier. Professors can also hop online at night or during intermissions to address questions, leave comments and more.



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- ▶ In recent years this form of education has evolved and is widely accepted. You monitor your study environment with an online class, which allows you to gain a more profound understanding of your course. New learning models are constantly emerging on the market and give students various ways to fashion their education into something that suits them, not the rest. This also gives individuals a chance to complete a degree that they may have started and have not been able to continue for whatever reason. The future of online learning is exciting and opens education for a significant number of people.



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- ▶ While traditional education will never go away (online can never supplant it) neither will distance learning. With online enrollment increasing every year, it looks like online schooling is making its mark, causing students to ask, “How important is flexibility and effective learning to me?”

