QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK WHEN CHOOSING AN ONLINE PROGRAM





EXPECTATIONS

Set your goals (academic and professional).
Understand your limitations (time and money).

- What do you expect of the program?
- What does the program expect of you?



LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Online courses vary greatly among programs.

- What is it like to learn online in this program?
- Do they have experienced online instructors?

MONEY MATTERS

Your education is an investment in yourself. Understand all the associated expenses.

- Do you pay more to learn online?
- Are you required to meet in person at times?



TECHNOLOGY

Know the program's technical requirements.

- What are the hardware requirements?
- Is technical support available when I need it?

SUPPORT SERVICES

You will need support outside of your classes.

- Are services (tutoring, library) available online?
- Are they available at convenient times?



OUTCOMES

Support services should continue beyond your graduation.

- Are students completing the online program?
- What help is available to get the right job?



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