IS ONLINE LEARNING FOR ME? QUIZ

Under each question below, put a check mark next to each statement with which you agree:

When I think about how I learn, I think:

• I learn best independently. I am self-motivated and like to work at my own pace. I don't need a lot of hand-holding.

• I like to work independently, but I like to get some feedback once in a while on how I'm doing. I don't need a lot of support, just a little help every once in a while.

• I can work independently, but I want to know where I stand. I like to be in an interactive situation where I get regular feedback on how I am doing.

• I need lots of interaction with my teachers and peers. I like the give and take of the classroom setting. It keeps me engaged in my classes.

When I think about learning through different media, such as the Internet or video conferencing, I think:

• It would be exciting to be able to do my work through a different medium. The idea of sitting in a classroom does nothing for me.

• I am open to the idea of trying something different, like an Internet class. I want to see how it would work for me.

• I'm not sure that I would be ready to work that independently. When I think of furthering my education, I see myself in a more traditional setting.

• I absolutely want a traditional learning experience. I want to be in a classroom setting and experience all that school has to offer.

When I think about interacting with my teachers, I think:

• I don't really care whether or not I have any face-to-face contact with my teachers. As long as I'm getting the kind of information I need to be successful in my classes, I can be satisfied as a student.

• I don't need a great deal of direct contact with my teachers. I'm a good, independent worker. I do want to be able to ask for help and direction when needed.

• I don't need to be in a situation where I am having a daily conversation with my teachers, but I do like to know that they are there if I need them. I find a good teacher really helps me get excited about a topic.

• I really value my contacts with my teachers. I like to be able to engage in a dialog in the classroom. A good teacher helps me connect to the subject.
When I think about trying to do schoolwork at home, I think:

- I have a great setup at home, which is very conducive to studying. I like the idea of being able to work in my own "space" and at my own pace.
- I can work fairly well at home; I just have to make sure that I don't get too distracted by what is going on around me.
- I could work at home, but I really don't see that as an ideal situation. There is too much going on and I would be able to concentrate better in a classroom setting.
- There is no way I want to learn from home. I want to get out of the house and be in a classroom with other students.

When it comes to setting my schedule for learning and studying, I think:

- I need as much flexibility as I can get. I have a lot of other things going on in my life and I would really like to be able to work at my own pace.
- I would like to have some flexibility in scheduling my classes, but I don't want to drag it out either. I want to get through my education as quickly as possible.
- I like the idea of having my time fairly structured. If I don't have someone pushing me along, it may take me longer than I want to get through school.
- I need to have a structured schedule to keep me on task.

When I think about the traditional education experience, I think:

- Campus or classroom life doesn't really appeal to me at this stage in my life. I don't need or want the experience of, for example, living in a dorm or sitting in a classroom. I want to find an alternative way of earning my degree or certificate.
- I'm not sure if I want to commit to the classroom experience. It may work for me, but I'm willing to look at other ways of earning a degree.
- I think I would be happier if I were on a campus somewhere. I think I'd probably regret missing out on the learning experience. I wouldn't rule out the notion of being a commuter, though.
- I really want a traditional learning experience where I can get away from home. I'm at a point in my life where that seems to be the logical next step for me.

How to Evaluate Your Quiz Results:

If you found yourself agreeing with the top two bulleted statements under each question, then congratulations: you likely would do well participating in online learning. Those leaning toward the latter two statements under each question likely would do better in a traditional classroom setting.