

CENTER FOR DISTANCE AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING

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With Rhodes State College online offerings, students can work towards earning a certificate or degree in a way that's tailored to their goals and busy schedule. Experienced Rhodes State faculty deliver online courses utilizing Canvas, an industry-leading Learning Management System (LMS) that engages students in a dynamic and collaborative learning environment that supports achievement. Canvas facilitates online quizzes, discussion boards, videos, student/instructor feedback, and more. Additionally, a Canvas Student app is available for so that courses are available from anywhere. The Canvas Student app is available for iOS (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (tablet, smartphone) and can be downloaded from Google Play for Android or from the Apple Store for iOS.

Students are a part of a community of learners when enrolled in online courses at Rhodes State College, and faculty support them every step of the way.

Online students need to have access to and be comfortable with using a computer and the internet and also be highly motivated, organized, and self-directed. Online courses **are not easier than traditional courses**, just more flexible, and students spend the same amount of time completing an online course as a traditionally structured course.

Online vs. Hybrid/Blended courses – two different types of delivery

Online courses provide flexibility to learn at home, work, or anywhere with internet access. All the content needed to complete your courses is available to you online, through Canvas, without stepping foot on campus. You can buy any required textbooks through the College's online bookstore.

Note: Some online courses may require proctored exams. Check the course syllabus for more information.

Searching for online courses is easy. Course Listings provides a step-by-step guide.

Hybrid/Blended courses combine the best features of face-to-face classroom instruction and instruction online. Students are expected to alternately attend regularly scheduled course/lab periods on campus and to have the motivation to study and complete coursework online. Online coursework may consist of video lectures, podcasts, or self-directed instruction. Specific information regarding the online course content is given to students during the scheduled class period.

Note: Some hybrid/blended courses may require proctored exams. Check the course syllabus for more information.

Searching for hybrid/blended courses is easy. Course Listings provides a step-by-step guide.

Online vs. Hybrid/Blended certificates and degrees– two flexible ways to complete your education

Online certificates and programs provide flexibility to learn at home, work, or anywhere you are with internet access. All the content students need to complete a certificate or degree is available to online, through Canvas, without stepping foot on campus. Online certificates and degrees provide the most flexibility for completing educational goals.

Hybrid/Blended certificates and degrees provides the option of having some courses on-campus and other courses online. They take advantage of the best features of both face-to-face and online learning.

General Information

Attendance. Although distance education courses offer students the option of completing most of their coursework off-campus, attendance will be tracked as an indication of progress. This means that all students must be actively working on all currently enrolled courses. Assignments must be turned in on time, and regular contact with the instructor is also required. Weekly progress on course assignments and projects is needed to gain an understanding of the course's content and to demonstrate required competencies satisfactorily. Lack of progress will negatively impact the earned grade and, if flagrant, could result in a grade of "E." Current information regarding distance education courses can be found at The Center for Distance and Innovative Learning website.

For More Information

For more information regarding online courses and programs, contact the Center for Distance and Innovative Learning at cdil@RhodesState.edu or (419) 995-8008.

Technical Requirements and Skills

To be successful online, students need the ability to:

- use Windows operating system or Macintosh operating system.
- use a web browser (such as Firefox or Google Chrome);
- use word processing software;
- download and upload files;
- manage files and folders;
- download software.

Recommended Computer Specifications

Student's computer should meet the minimum suggested specifications:

- Windows 7+ or Macintosh OS X 10.10;
- 2.5 GHz Processor;
- 8 GB RAM;
- Graphics Card: 1 GB GPU with 29 GB/s Bandwidth and DirectX 11 compliant;
- A high-speed Internet connection (minimum of 512kbps);
- Webcam and microphone;
- Android and iOS both support the two most recent versions of their respective operating systems.

Minimum Software Requirements:

Student's computer should meet the minimum software requirements:

- Latest version of Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome
- Adobe Flash Player
- Java

Note: Courses that utilize webcast lectures may require Windows Media Player and Microsoft Silverlight. Additionally, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) is used by all faculty on campus and is required for select courses/programs. Please see your course syllabus for course-specific technology requirements.

You're all set, now check out the online certificates and degrees that can get you where you want to go!

Available Online Certificates and Degrees

Online certificates and degrees provide you the flexibility to continue your education when your busy life keeps you from coming to campus and you know the importance of continuing your education.

Fully Online Certificates

- Accounting Clerk
- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Digital Marketing
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Office Software
- Real Estate
- Tax Preparer
- Team Leadership

Fully Online Two-Year Programs

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Executive Administrative Assistant
- Human Resource
- Marketing
- Medical Administrative Assistant

Available Hybrid/Blended Certificates and Degrees

Hybrid/Blended certificates and degrees combine the best of online and on-campus learning. Come to campus to take courses when you can and complete others online.

Hybrid/Blended Certificates

- Cyber Security
- Digital Media Technology
- Pre-gaming Design
- Video and Graphic Specialist

Hybrid/Blended Two-Year Programs

- Business Administration - ONAW
- Digital Media Technology
- Network Security
- Web Programming/Computer Programming

Be on the lookout for new Certificates for fall 2020. For more information about online or hybrid/blended certificates and degrees, contact the CDIL at cdil@rhodesstate.edu or 419-995-8008.