Online Readiness Checklist

Are you self motivated?
Learning online requires self motivation. With online classes, you will have the flexibility to pace yourself and set aside the time to complete assignments. While you will be working on your own - you won’t be alone. Many students say that they get more attention from the instructor in an online class than when they come in person. You will benefit from regular interaction with your instructor and classmates.

Are you familiar with Internet and written communication?
You will do the bulk of your class work online. Most of your communication with your instructor and classmates will be through email/written communication. Through conscientious writing in emails, discussion board, etc., you will establish a camaraderie with your cohort (the students going through the program with you). Your written communication skills will be polished through these exercises.

Does your computer equipment and software need updating?
Check our list of Technical Requirements to see if you have what is needed to be successful.

How will you pay for your degree?
Education always requires an adjustment in your budget. An online degree is a great option when faced with rigid job or family schedules. Keep in mind that when compared to a on-campus degree, a cost savings will be realized by not having to pay for some campus fees, parking fees, childcare, transportation and wardrobe. All of our online programs offer financial aid opportunities. Once you have applied to one of our programs, check with the financial advisor to find out about your options.

Is the college that you’re considering for an online degree, fully accredited? Will the credits transfer?
Cal State Fullerton is a fully accredited state university that has been in existence since 1957. A degree received online from Cal State Fullerton is acknowledged the same way as a degree you would earn if you attended classes in person. You even have the option to attend the graduation ceremony on campus once the program is completed.

Do you have a work/study space at home where you can concentrate on your studies and always have computer access when you need it?
It's important to have a place where you can give your studies your full attention and set aside blocks of time each week to complete the work without interruptions. But the great thing about online learning is you can do it anytime, anywhere - on your lunch hour, at the library, coffee shops... even while on vacation!