

# Requirements for Online Courses

(WebCT/CARTlink)

## HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

To be successful in your online courses, you must have the following:

- ◆ Regular access to a computer
- ◆ Internet Connection through an Internet Service Provider (ISP) - **High-Speed connectivity is highly recommended**
- ◆ A compatible Internet browser such as Internet Explorer (4.0 or higher), Netscape Navigator (4.0 or higher) or Mozilla Firefox (1.0 or higher)
- ◆ A word-processor program such as Corel WordPerfect or Microsoft Word or WordPad

## ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE

Most online courses require the use of the following free software that can be downloaded:

- ◆ Adobe Acrobat Reader ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com))
- ◆ Flash Player ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com))
- ◆ Java Virtual Machine ([www.java.com](http://www.java.com))

## SKILLS

Technical skills required for taking an online course are present in most students who simply have experience browsing the Internet. Below is a list of a few technical skills that are recommended (if not required) for taking most online courses.

- ◆ Experience or fluency with a word processor such as Microsoft Word
- ◆ Ability to download and install software programs
- ◆ Capacity to:
  - copy and paste information between documents and/or from program to program
  - create a new folder/directory on your computer
  - save files on a disk drive
  - locate and open a saved file on your computer

More details provided at <http://www.bluefieldstate.edu/PCrequirements.htm>