

Working Adults Are Going Back To School Online

(NAPSA)—For working professionals, returning to school can be a serious subject.

Making the decision to go back to school as an adult is a big decision that cannot be taken lightly.

The working professional's learning needs and styles are often more complex—and more goal oriented—than those of the traditional undergraduate students.

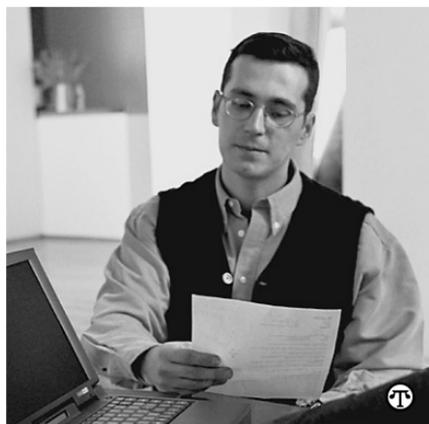
That's why one of the first tasks facing the professional who wants to return to school is choosing an institution with a learning model that is appropriate for the working adult. It pays to do a bit of homework to find the kind of program that fits into a busy lifestyle and the distinct learning styles of working adults.

For the working adult, online learning programs is an obvious place to start. Such programs offer the flexibility and around-the-clock availability that enables working adults to fit school into their already filled schedules.

The Distance Education and Training Council—a trade association—estimates that more than two million people are studying online at colleges and universities in the United States.

However, not all online educational programs are created equal. It's critical to examine the teaching and learning models available through various online programs.

For example, institutions such as University of Phoenix Online, offer programs designed specifically for the working professional. With over 45,000 students in the U.S. and 40 other countries studying in virtual classrooms 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, University of Phoenix Online has created a system to meet the demands of busy professionals.



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The program uses a learning model that puts a greater emphasis on study groups, where students can learn by doing, discussing and teaching one another while they learn from their faculty member.

Many students report that this collaborative learning model is more relevant to their working careers, in many ways mirroring the team approach favored in their current jobs.

University of Phoenix Online uses faculty who are practitioners outside of the classroom. This allows them to share real-world expertise as professionals in their chosen fields. Such information can be invaluable to adult learners seeking to enhance their professional skills and education.

When you decide to go back to school, make sure that you do your homework to find the school that best suits your lifestyle. For a step towards learning more about online education, call 1-800-796-3791 or visit the Web site at www.uoonline.com.