# Distance Learning

Dallas Institute's distance learning program allows its students the opportunity to complete their program and/or their courses off campus.

Distance learning classes are delivered to the student through the internet, allowing the student to forego the time he or she would normally spend in the classroom. To be successful in a distance learning course, excellent time management skills are necessary as distance learning courses still require study time and commitment.

## What programs are available through distance learning?

The Associate of Applied Science is available through distance learning. You may find more information on this program here:

- Associate of Applied Science Online

## Textbooks

Textbooks that have an electronic version available will be provided to students in the electronic form. The electronic version does provide students with the opportunity to download the textbook to an electronic device which allows students to make notations/highlights for their own use. Students who prefer physical copies can elect to purchase textbooks through 3rd-party vendors when available.

## What are grading and testing procedures?

The grade of a student in any course represents all the work of the student in the course, including assignments and examinations, combined in such proportion as the instructor in charge of the course may decide. Course assignments and discussions are completed online. Exams may be completed online. Make-up of incomplete course work will be solely at the discretion of the instructor.

The College maintains complete records of the academic progress of all students. The students will be given access to their grades at the end of each academic quarter.

## How do distance learning programs/courses compare to programs/courses on-campus?

Attending a distance learning program, a student receives the same quality education as those in a traditional face-to-face program. Our programs provide the same level of service found on-campus, the same quality of instruction, and a variety of learning options. Our online and distance learning programs are designed for individuals who are seeking an alternative to the on-campus experience yet expect the same rigorous course load and same prestigious degree.

**Potential Challenges of Distance Learning**

While distance learning offers flexibility and convenience, it also presents unique challenges that students should be prepared to navigate:

- **Limited Face-to-Face Interaction**: Students may find it difficult to build relationships with instructors and peers due to the absence of in-person communication. This can lead to a sense of isolation and may impact collaborative learning experiences.
- **Self-Discipline and Motivation**: Without the structure of a traditional classroom, students must be highly self-motivated and capable of managing their time effectively to stay on track with coursework.
- **Technology Requirements**: A reliable internet connection and access to a functional computer or electronic device are essential. Technical difficulties or a lack of familiarity with online platforms can hinder learning.
- **Delayed Feedback**: Communication with instructors and peers often occurs asynchronously, which can lead to delays in receiving feedback or answers to questions.
- **Learning Style Compatibility**: Not all students thrive in a digital learning environment. Those who prefer hands-on activities or direct instruction may find distance learning less effective.

By being aware of these potential hurdles, students can take proactive steps to ensure a successful online learning experience.