ARE YOU READY TO TAKE A DISTANCE EDUCATION CLASS? © Robert M. Sherfield, Ph.D. 2005

Please answer each question truthfully to determine your readiness for online learning.			
Do you own your own computer?	Yes	No	
Is your computer relatively new (enough memory, CD Rom, graphics card, wireless internet, etc)	Yes	No	
3. Can you type?	Yes	No	
4. Are you comfortable using a computer and web technology?	Yes	No	
5. Do you have the technical requirements for online learning? Internet access, Internet browser, Adobe, Word or compatible program, PowerPoint	Yes	No	
6. Are you highly organized?	Yes	No	
7. Are you a good manager of time?	Yes	No	
8. Are you highly motivated: a self-starter?	Yes	No	
9. If you work full or part-time, do you feel you have at least 6-8 hours per week to spend working with each of your online classes?	Yes	No	
10. If you have family issues that require a great deal of your time, do you have family support?	Yes	No	
11. Do you have "down time" to spend working on your classes?	Yes	No	
12. Can you get to campus if necessary?	Yes	No	
13. Do you feel comfortable chatting online with unknown persons?	Yes	No	
14. Do you think you can "relate" to others in an online relationship?	Yes	No	

15. Do you consider yourself as a good reader with high-level comprehension?	Yes	No
16. Can you concentrate on your work even with online distractions (e-mail, friends, etc)?	Yes	No
17. Do you fool comfortable colling your professor during his or her		
17. Do you feel comfortable calling your professor during his or her office hours if you need to do so?	Yes	No
18. Do you think you will be able to take notes during an		
online chat or class session?	Yes	No
19. Are you comfortable with online terminology such		
as URL, listserv, Portal, Streaming Video, etc	Yes	No
20. Are you excited about taking an online class?	Yes	No

If you answered NO to more than five of these questions, you are not ready to take an Online Learning Course. you should re-consider taking an online class at this time.