Are you getting excited to start your online class(es)? You are enrolled in one or more online classes during one of our Spring 2025 sessions, which start on Monday, January 13.

Whether this is your first online class, or you are an experienced online student, we want to make sure you feel prepared. Please take a few minutes to complete this <u>online readiness survey</u>. Your answers will help determine what you need to do to succeed in the online learning environment. This survey is hosted by another college, contact us at NDSCS for any help or guidance you need to be successful in your class(es).

Here are a few things you can do to be ready to go.

- NDSCS Email Required Check it often NDSCS email addresses are REQUIRED for communications from the college and instructors. You must check your NDSCS email account frequently to avoid missing time sensitive information. For instructions on how to log into your college email account, go to <a href="IT Service Desk/Email">IT Service Desk/Email</a>. It's also a good idea to download the Outlook app for mobile devices.
- Log into Blackboard: NDSCS uses Blackboard for all our classes. To log into Blackboard, go to www.ndscs.edu and click Blackboard at the top of the page (or go directly to https://online.ndscs.edu). Use your CampusConnection User ID and Password to log in.
- NDSCS Student Help Center: Once you have logged into Blackboard, visit the NDSCS Student Help Center. This contains important information for NDSCS students.
- Textbooks or Course Materials: Check to see if your class(es) require you to purchase a textbook or materials. You can find additional information for your classes on the <a href="NDSCS">NDSCS</a>
  Bookstore website under "Textbooks".
- Computer Requirements: It is required that you have access to a regular computer, Windows PC recommended. Not all tasks or software used for online classes and tests can be done on the mobile app or with other devices. For example,
  - Chromebooks are not compatible with some features and testing software.
  - Macs may not be compatible with some software in CIS/CSCI/HIT/CAD classes, etc.

For more information on preparing for your online class visit NDSCS Support for Online Students.

If questions arise, please contact the Center of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation. We are here to help you.

Have a great semester!

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