Online Learning as an Educational Innovation

"Online learning uses traditional teaching methods through non-traditional means," says Margaret Morabito, director of the University of Tomorrow. "In many ways this is a mirror image of what you would have on campus."

AppleLink University and University of Tomorrow bring high-quality, pertinent education into your home. Become a part of the student body by visiting the colleges – AppleLink University located in the Apple Community, and the University of Tomorrow in the Learning Center in General Services.

"Not only do you learn a lot, but you feel a part of something – you really get a sense of students' personalities and the teacher's methods," Morabito says.

For many, the AppleLink – Personal Edition colleges provide a better setting for learning than traditional schools. Online instruction is frequently more personalized than traditional classrooms.

"We have smaller classes," Morabito says. "You receive a lot of one-on-one communication and a lot more interaction with teachers than in traditional school."

Learn at Your Convenience

Online education also offers logistical advantages. Students can work when it is convenient for them, posting questions and downloading tests at any time of day or night.

"We have quite a few older adults, out of school for 15-20 years who have difficulty attending classes on campus – they have children and jobs. Here they can pursue their education online without having to find a babysitter or borrow a car for the evening."

A number of students at the colleges are adults with disabilities who work at the keyboard with adaptive devices or learn without the restrictions of audio classrooms and bus rides across town.

"The accessibility of the education is very important," says Sue Colman, (Dean Sue) Dean of AppleLink University. "No matter who you are or what your age is, you're a student like any other in electronic classes."

The quality of instruction also benefits from being delivered electronically. "We provide the highest quality instructors from a national pool and deliver first rate courses, no matter where you are," says Colman.

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