



## Getting Serious about Online Education

### SMALL STEP BIG IMPACT

The saying “you know a person by the company he or she keeps” is something all adults should consider when deciding who they trust in the pursuit of their advanced education. Even if you’re not ready to commit to earning your degree today, it’s important to choose a company you trust when gathering information. Why? Because earning your degree is one of the most important steps you will ever take. It undoubtedly will have a lasting impact on your career, family, and sense of self-worth.

That’s why The College Network™ is committed to helping adults of all ages and backgrounds gain the education they desire. We’ll help you achieve your goal of earning a degree through our state-of-the-art, easy-to-use online Resource Center and unique partnerships with top institutions of higher learning. You’ll never have to worry about the reputation of your online education providers when you join The College Network.

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With The College Network, a small step can have a big impact on your career.

**ESTABLISH YOUR IDENTITY WITH A DEGREE.** No two people are exactly alike, but it can be hard to set yourself apart on a piece of paper. Earning your advanced degree will help you stand out from the crowd and make employers take notice, but it isn’t always easy to get started. You have most likely heard about, and possibly encountered, the long waiting lists that many adults find themselves on prior to entering an advanced education program. Why wait to get the education you desire? The College Network offers a way for you to get started on a degree program immediately—without spending weeks, months, or even years on a waiting list. Each year that passes without earning your degree is additional salary and valuable experience lost.

According to Sloan Foundation reports, enrollments in the U.S. post-secondary system for fully online learning increased 12–14 percent per year on average from 2004–2009. This is a major increase compared to an average of approximately 2 percent increase per year in overall enrollments.

**CONTINUE WORKING WHILE YOU ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION.** Most of us can't afford to quit our jobs in order to go back to school, because we have people who depend on us. Even when you love your work, the paycheck that you earn is important. With The College Network, you don't have to choose between your career and earning your degree. Learning and working can be achieved simultaneously. We allow you to move through a program at your own pace and plan your study schedule around the other things that are important to you. Your dreams of excelling in your career, having a family life, and advancing your education don't have to be separate.

**THINK BEYOND ONLINE DIPLOMA MILLS.** Online education is quickly becoming as attractive as classroom learning. The College Network partners with leading universities, such as Angelo State University, Indiana State University, Regis University, and others, to offer you the chance to earn a degree equal to those who attended classes on campus. At The College Network, we believe that successful learning experiences can change people's lives. The options available to learners in our unique eLearning environment were developed based on decades of research. Teams of subject matter experts, learning architects, graphic designers, and illustrators have worked together to create tools that will help you build the knowledge necessary to navigate your program and complete your degree online. Online education, offered by reputable institutions like The College Network and its partners, is widely accepted and often encouraged by employers.

**RELY ON TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT.** Available Monday through Thursday 8am – 9pm ET and Friday 8am – 8pm ET, The College Network's Academic Support team is one of the best in the industry. We're available to answer technical and academic questions via phone, email, and online chat. Our customers will also have access to valuable information located in our customer support web site, including best practices for studying on your own. You can also converse with more than 100,000 learners throughout the country in the online discussion board.

## **BOTTOM LINE:**

With The College Network, you can trust the company you keep. If you're making excuses not to earn your degree, you may be sacrificing more than you realize. When you use The College Network to help you further your education, you can gain higher earning power, more job opportunities, increased job security, personal satisfaction, and attainment of your long-term goals. With our help, there are no limits to what you can achieve.

Learn more today at [www.collegenetwork.com/blog](http://www.collegenetwork.com/blog).

More than 176,000 people have chosen to advance their education with the help of The College Network. Watch their inspiring stories and learn more at [www.youtube.com/user/thecollegenetwork](http://www.youtube.com/user/thecollegenetwork).