Keys to Successful Online Instruction

The online learning environment offers a unique set of challenges that require instructor interaction, performance, and management. In an effort to create a high quality experience for students and to achieve student learning outcomes, an instructor is expected to:

1. Create and foster an engaged, positive, and interactive, faculty-to-student relationship.
2. Provide timely and comprehensive feedback to students.
3. Create and promote an environment that fosters small group learning.
4. Encourage quality peer-to-peer interaction and feedback.

As a course instructor, it is anticipated that you will...

- Hold weekly virtual office hours or help sessions for the purpose of advising, assisting, or clarifying concepts and ideas for students;
- Respond to students questions and emails in a timely manner;
- Provide weekly course summaries, announcements, or video messages to help direct or clarify concepts presented in the course;
- Lead and assess threaded discussions to encourage participation and application of course content;
- Evaluate assessments and assignments using meaningful feedback that is clear, concise, and constructive;
- Create small, collaborative groups, composed of learners with differing ability levels, and using a variety of learning strategies, to master the student learning outcomes;
- Create assessments and activities that encourage peer-to-peer interaction (Discussion Groups, Group Projects, Role Playing, Case Studies, Debates, Blogs, Wikis, etc...)