Frequently Asked Questions about Hybrid & Online Courses

**What is a Hybrid course?**
Courses which have a blend of traditional classroom instruction and online education. At HGTC, students will be required to meet face-to-face 50% or less of the required time for a course, with the remainder of their coursework completed online. A blended course is not simply an online course that requires in-class exams. Blended courses allow faculty and students both the opportunity to build strong personal relationships through face-to-face interaction and the opportunity to explore new types of learning activities that were not possible in traditional courses. Dates, times and locations for face-to-face meetings will be published in the official class schedule.

**What is an Online course?**
Courses are taught 100% online using a combination of asynchronous and synchronous activities providing greater flexibility of schedule and convenience of access to students. Online courses will have the same learning outcomes and level of rigor achieved in traditional courses. The delivery of online exams will follow HGTC established policy, to include identity verification. Online courses may require the use of online proctoring tools or live local proctors.

**Who can take an Online or Hybrid class?**
- Admission to Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- Meets the individual co/prerequisites for that particular class
- Successful completion of the Distance Learning Course Orientation which can be found on Wavenet under the My Student tab in the Registration Tools box.
- Familiarity with using the internet
- Self-discipline

**How should I prepare to succeed in an Online or Hybrid courses?**
- Be organized and be able to work independently.
- Attend class sessions on campus.
- Set aside time daily to work on class assignments.
- Be comfortable using computers and learning new software.
- Have access to the internet.
- Read assignments and directions carefully.
- Adhere to deadlines.
- Be self-motivated.

***I am not very proficient in the use of computers, but I am still interested in the Online and/or Hybrid style of learning. Can I still enroll?***
The College supports your learning of computer skills in many ways. Computer classes and keyboarding classes are available to assist you. Staff in the Student Success & Tutoring Center (SSTC) are available to help you as well.

**Will I be working on my own?**
Yes & No. You will be working with the instructor and the students in your class, just as you would in a traditional classroom. But you will also learn to work online, both independently and with others. Depending upon the course, you may interact in an electronic classroom and learn skills such as participation in the class through online discussions or forums, collaborations through group work, and working and taking responsibility in a team for class projects. You will not be on your own, but you must be an active participant meaning to ask questions. Participate in discussions. And contact your instructor when you need help. Good organizational and time-management skills are essential.

**What if I have a problem?**
Contact your instructor for assistance with class content. For technical assistance, contact the HelpDesk (843-349-5340) or SSTC (located at each campus).

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