

Online Schooling: Resource Tips (Part One)

Interested in attending an online school, here are some tips to guide you through what you need to know. Some schools operate for profit and others don't.

For Profit Vs. Non Profit

For Profit: *	Non Profit: *
A business to make money for owners and shareholders by offering a service; in this case education.	Offer a learning environment designed first and foremost to serve students' interest, helping them finish their college degrees.
Must provide adequate financial returns for their shareholders. Making a profit is priority.	Operate independently of an owner structure and are free to focus on providing quality education to students.
More expensive, according to a Senate Report. AKA, "high tuition schools."	More affordable and typically competitive with public university tuition costs.
4-Year Degree Graduation Rate: 28%	4-Year Degree Graduation Rate: 65%

Key Questions to Ask

1. Are there plenty of jobs in the degrees and/or certifications that are offered?
2. Does the degree prepare me for any additional exams or licensing after graduation?
3. Will an unpaid internship and/or licensing be required during or after graduation?
4. Are any of the required classes eligible for Work and/or Life Experience Credits?
5. What is the application fee(s)?
6. What is the estimated cost of the degree? Books?

For more information on Non Profit schools:

<http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/online-schools/non-profit>

*<http://www.franklin.edu/blog/non-profit-vs-for-profit-colleges-what-you-need-to-know/>

<http://www.nonprofitcollegesonline.com/largest-non-profit-online-universities/>



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