

# E-Learning Is Growing in Popularity

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Here are 4 reasons that long-distance education is quickly gaining in popularity and general acceptance.

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Throughout the country, more and more students are turning towards online learning as a way of earning credits towards a high school diploma or college degree, whether achieved fully or partially online. Although online schools were virtually unheard of only a decade ago, they have recently become an increasingly popular way to pursue a further education, both for high school graduates and adults returning to school. According to a report carried out two years ago by the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, online courses in K-12 school districts saw over a million enrolments during 2012-13, a number which has dramatically increased since then. So, why is learning online so popular?

## Comfortable Setting

Whether you're studying for your high school diploma or a doctorate in nursing practice, online learning means that there is no need to be confined to a classroom all day. Taking an e-learning course such as the DNP online from Bradley University means that you can work from the comfort of your living room, from your favorite coffee shop, or even on the beach, as long as you have an internet connection.

## Flexibility

Many students who choose to learn online are [mature students](#), which is to be expected as adults returning to education tend to have more responsibilities and commitments than those who're fresh high school graduates. Because attending college as an adult means that you will need to make yet another commitment, many mature students, whether pursuing education for the first time or taking an advanced course such as a doctor of nursing practice degree, opt for online learning so that they will be able to easily uphold their other commitments such as family or working full-time.

## Relevancy

In a world dominated by the internet and technology, online learning is becoming increasingly more relevant. With advancements in technology such as cloud computing changing the world of work and increasing the ability to work remotely more than ever, studying is following suit.

## Variety

Another of the main attractive factors of online learning is the sheer variety of different courses that there is to choose from. When attending a physical college, potential students are limited to the courses their chosen college has to offer, unless they are willing to travel to a college which offers the course that they want. Often, this can mean travelling some distance for those who are seeking to pursue a particularly niche area of study. However, if your local college doesn't offer the subject that you're hoping to study, this is where online learning can step up and fill the gap. With courses available from both online-only schools and established schools from around the country such as [Bradley University](#), students who opt for e-learning have more options to choose from than ever before.

What is your take on the growing popularity of online learning? Do you think that it is good for the education industry, or do your preferences lie with traditional classroom-based education? Join the discussion in the comments below.

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