# Western Technical College

Distance Education

Western Technical College offers distance learning classes through online delivery. All distance learning classes offered at WTC are delivered through the Internet. A list of the distance learning classes offered during each term may be obtained from our web site.

What is Distance Education?

WTC defines distance education as an educational process in which the majority of the instruction in a course occurs when the students and instructor are not located in the same physical location.

What are the Distance Education options at WTC?

These courses are broken into two categories, Online and Hybrid. Online Courses conduct 100% of the instruction and assessment through the Internet and hybrid courses conduct at least 50% of the instruction through the internet and the remaining portion face-to-face. Each of these classes can be delivered effectively due to the focus of the class. Each online class is primarily learning theory and information rather than courses involving primarily practical exercises. Hybrid classes have been identified as courses that require a laboratory component that is conducted in the class/laboratory environment.

What distance education software is used by WTC?

DistEd is the platform WTC uses to deliver online classes. Instructors must complete DistEd training before developing or teaching an online class. The Distance Learning Coordinator, who is a system certified DistEd Trainer, delivers the six hour course as well as any update training that instructors may require due to add-in software or software upgrades. The Distance Learning Coordinator offers instructor training each term in the various software assistance programs that are provided.