

TECHNICAL GUIDE FOR THE COURSE USER

The SMP Foundations online course is designed to be informative and easy to use. By identifying the skills and tools necessary to navigate the course, this guide will help to reduce some of the technological barriers to learning so that you can get the most out of this course.

Technical Requirements

To participate in the course, you will need to have access to a computer that meets the following technical requirements:

- Internet Connection, preferably broadband cable or DSL (56K Modem)
- Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 6.0+ or Firefox 1.5+
- Ability to enable Pop-Ups on your web browser
- E-mail Capabilities
- Plug-ins: [Adobe Acrobat Reader 9 or above](#)
- Processor: Pentium 4 equivalent or faster Operating System: Windows XP, Vista, 7; Linux; Mac OSX Flash player: 8 or above
- RAM: 512M or above
- 5 GB of hard drive space for saving file uploads
- Speakers (for audio associated with course; however, audio not required to complete the course)
- Screen Resolution: minimum 800x600

Online Learner Skills

As an online learner you must have the time and motivation to login and use the course. Online learners must be able to complete assignments and work independently.

Following are some basic computer skills you should know:

- How to use a mouse to point, click and double-click
- How to open and save files
- How to use a web browser (i.e. how to follow link to new file, scroll through web page, go to specified web address)
- How to copy and paste files or text
- How to send and receive e-mails
- How to print files

Other tips needed for success as an online learner:

- Set goals for yourself and for the course – What do you want to get out of the course? What are your completion targets?
- Be a self-directed learner – Make use of the content of the course in a way that makes sense to you and helps you to understand the material. Question the material and be sure to ask questions of others who have knowledge of the subject.