

Editorial

A campus-based education is the more traditional college experience, especially at the bachelor's degree level. Students may live on campus, participate in sports and extracurricular activities, attend events and get more hands-on experience in their chosen fields. Interacting with peers and teachers alike provides learning and networking opportunities that are not part of an online education. Additionally, a campus-based education provides the opportunity for students to participate in extracurricular activities or sports. Students may take food and live together, providing a more immersive environment. A college campus may provide a myriad of facilities that students enrolled in an online education programme would not have access to, such as the school's library, laboratories or athletic facilities. Face-to-face instruction and interaction with teachers offer a number of benefits for many students. Instructors may have office hours at a set time, allowing students to get one-on-one attention. There are a greater number of degree programmes available for students who enroll in campus-based education programmes. Degree programmes in areas, such as science, engineering or health-related fields, may require the physical presence of students due to labs, which cannot be accommodated in an online education programme. Many students may find the structure, regularity and scheduling found in a campus-based education beneficial, as opposed to the self-paced curricula that generally make up online programmes. Many schools these days offer on-campus, online and hybrid degree programmes, allowing students more freedom than ever in choosing when and where to pursue their education. In general, the curriculum of an online programme is very similar to that of an on-campus programme, if a school offers both, with their occasionally being differences in projects or lab classes. On-campus programmes typically offer classes at a specific time at a physical location, whereas online classes tend to be more flexible. However, some schools also offer on-campus classes during the evening and weekends to help with scheduling issues. Both types of programmes tend to offer one-on-one contact with teachers and take about the same amount of time to complete. A hybrid programme is a degree programme that combines both on-campus and online programme characteristics. A programme may include both on-campus and online courses, or a course itself may be offered in a hybrid format. These programmes may be a good compromise between online and on-campus programmes.

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