

## Distance Learning Instruction Methods

Your Nursing and Health Professions courses will be delivered to you through a variety of methods. Course delivery and instructional methods include the Internet, e-mail, MyUSI, video/audio streams, on-line testing, and Blackboard (e-Learning software). This combination of delivery methods facilitates student and faculty course communication. The delivery methods are further described below.

### Internet

Because Internet resources are used as an integral part of your instruction, you will need access to the Internet. The College of Nursing and Health Professions home page, located at <http://health.usi.edu>, provides much needed school information and resources.

The College of Nursing and Health Professions on-line courses are available on Blackboard, the University's course management system. Course syllabi, schedules, learning materials, video/audio streams, and more are posted on the course website for you to access at your convenience. Your nursing and health professions courses can be accessed through MyUSI at the following Internet address: <http://www.usieagles.org/cp/home/loginf>. Log in using your USI User Name and Password (PIN Number). On the top of the page, select "Click Here For Blackboard." Your courses can also be found at <http://blackboard.usi.edu>. Further instructions for accessing and using Blackboard can be found at <http://health.usi.edu/distlern>.

### Video or Audio Streaming

Some course material may be delivered to you through streaming, enabling you to receive video and/or audio delivery of lecture presentations. This streaming may be live or archived for you to retrieve at your convenience. To test your ability to access video streaming, visit the "Help" section of our web site at <http://health.usi.edu/help>. You will find a section called "Online Learning Help". Click the link "Sample Stream". If you find you cannot access the video stream, check to be sure your computer meets the recommended technology requirements. Using a computer that exceeds these specifications may provide you with better speed of access.

### E-mail

E-mail allows students to interact on a one-to-one basis with other students and faculty.

### On-line Discussion

On-line discussion software is provided through Blackboard to allow students and faculty to freely exchange ideas and promote dialogue about course topics being discussed.