Where to begin.....

Posted by ronnmccortney@hotmail.com - 2011/08/03 19:44

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Re:Where to begin.....

Posted by dhandlos - 2011/08/04 09:18

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Well, one quick question for you...do you have a focus in mind for your Associates?

Some institutions let you pay one class at a time, and some may also factor in work experience or let you test out of courses.

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Re:Where to begin.....

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2011/08/04 14:37

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Hello Ron,

If you have no college course experience to date then yes, beginning by looking at an associate degree would be a good first step.

An associate degree takes only 2 years (rather than 4 for the bachelors degree) AND is a good first

degree that you can transfer toward a 4-year bachelor degree later.

To get the full story read our great article What Is an Online Associate Degree

Get Educated profiles 100 online associate degrees
in our directory of accredited online degrees.

Here are the steps

STEP 1: Get a copy of your company's tuition reimbursement program and have someone explain to you.

Understand what you qualify for and how much money $ you qualify for.

--Will your company pay for individual courses or only degree programs?
--Will your company pay for courses or degrees from nationally accredited colleges as well as regionally accredited colleges.

SEE: Online college accreditation

--How much and when will your company pay for courses? Most companies cap the pay out at $2,000 a year max AND will only pay you after you successfully complete a course with a C or above grade. Some companies only pay after you've been employed for at least a year.

STEP 2: Once you know what your company will pay for and how much they will pay per year match that to the type of education that is available.

STEP 3: For a look at the most affordable or cheapest online degree at the associate level search all our online associate degrees and then HIT the ORDER by COST button at the top of your search. The system will rank all the degrees by cost for you.

PLUS ...

STEP 4: To check for a low cost community college in your state that has online degrees and free counseling to help you better understand the college degree process and financial aid, check our great list of low cost online community college sites.

Good luck!

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Re:Where to begin.....

Posted by ronnmccortney@hotmail.com - 2011/08/04 19:59

Something related to purchasing, the field I'm in. I'm not sure what area that covers. I've worked as a supervisor in stocking, shipping, and manufacturing most of my life, but that's what I want to get out of.

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Re:Where to begin.....

Posted by dhandlos - 2011/08/08 10:40

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If viewing how things work and how items are processed are a strength that you'd like to leverage, then an associates in business and/or administration could be up your alley.

Several of the 100 online associate degrees profiled by Get Educated fall under that category, costing less than $20,000.

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Hi Ron

I'd agree with David here.

You could earn any type of online associate degree, meaning with any major area of study you'd like at this point. A general associate degree in business and management would give you a broad foundation for any business career and any type of bachelors degree later.

Get Educated profiles 42 online associates in business

These range in cost from about $11,000 from (Dakotas)Bismarck State University Online
to almost $47,000 from Dallas Baptist University (a private school in Texas).

Let us know if this helps you.

Vicky Phillips
Founder - Get Educated

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Re:Where to begin.....

Posted by katesolomon - 2011/10/31 01:41

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With Recession taking place every now and then, there is no job security. To get a security in your job you need to be either an experienced person , so that company cannot afford losing you or you must be really professionally qualified so that your knowledge can be used for improvement of the company. Getting experienced needs time but you can always get yourself professionally qualified.

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