Q. “What is Blackboard”?
A. “Blackboard is the online learning management system that Bellevue University uses to deliver its online classes. You can think of it as the online portion of BU.

Q. Who uses Blackboard?
A. Virtually all BU students and staff will use Blackboard at some time in their Bellevue University experience. Many courses are taught completely online and most face-to-face courses have some sort of online component in addition to the time spent in class.

Q. How do I access Blackboard?
A. When you are officially enrolled in Bellevue University, you will be given your log in information, along with your campus email address. This log in and password will be used to get into the Blackboard online classroom.

Q. How difficult is it to use Blackboard?
A. Well, that depends on how computer-savvy you are to begin with, but most people find it fairly simple. If you are able to send and receive email with attachments and use an internet search engine, you shouldn’t have any trouble.

Q. Is there training available for people who need help using the online classroom?
A. Yes! On campus training is offered regularly for students who need help with the logistics of learning online. There are also various training videos and resources available on the Bellevue website that can help you get acclimated to the online classroom.

Q. Are online classes easier or more difficult than face-to-face classes?
A. Everyone learns best in different ways, so the answer to this question depends on how you learn best. Online classes are more flexible than face to face classes in that you decide when you complete your coursework for the week. You do not have to attend class at a certain time each day or week. However, online learning takes more self-motivation and regulation than face-to-face learning. You will be expected to participate in online discussions and complete assignments, so being comfortable expressing yourself and your ideas in print is very important, as is pacing yourself and being committed to getting your work done outside of a traditional classroom.

Q. What kind of assignments and assessments will be part of my online classes?
A. Almost anything you would do in a face-to-face class, you can do online, including discussions, tests, writing assignments, reading, research, and group work.

Q. What if I have problems with my computer or my class and need technical assistance?
A. Bellevue has a great technical support team for computer-related problems. You can find their contact information on the website, or you can call: Toll-Free: 800-756-7920, ext 7313.