

**To take most of UWCME online education modules, you should be able to open the following types of files:**

- Streaming media
- Flash -based videos
- PDF documents (Requires Acrobat Reader)

### **Hardware Requirements**

- Speakers or headphones for your computer.
- Sound card for your computer (Most computers have one.)
- Video card for your computer (Most computers have one.)

### **Software Requirements**

- Flash Player 6.0.79 or higher (It's free. Most computers come with this. Flash Player 7 or higher for Linux and Solaris)
- Browser: Chrome or Firefox. Our website is not compatible with Internet Explorer or Safari.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (Free)
- Software you may need during Web browsing, depending on your operating system:
  - QuickTime 7.0 (For Macs) (Free)
  - RealPlayer v.10.5 (Free)
  - Windows Media Player (For Windows) (Free)

### **Internet Connection Requirements**

- An email account
- Recommended Connection: DSL or Broadband connection, such as Comcast.
- Minimum bandwidth: 56 kb/sec (typical speed of a dial-up modem).
- Some employers block outside websites or communications – verify that you are able to connect at work or if you need to use a personal device.

### **Computer Skills Requirements**

*To be a successful online student, you should be able to:*

- Send an email with an attachment.
- Fill out and submit web forms.
- Download a Word or PowerPoint document from the website to your local computer.
- Navigate a website that uses frames and scrollbars.
- Browse to other websites and print out information.
- Read and print PDF documents (Using Adobe Acrobat Reader).
- Adjust the volume on your computer.
- Work with a basic multimedia interface console (Stop button, go button, volume control).
- Know how to close a pop-up browser window.