Online or CD-ROM—Which format is best for you?

These tables will help you identify which medium is best suited to your needs.

Requirement	Online	CD-ROM
Access from multiple computers	✓	
Calculator		✓
Course timer		✓
Enforced seat-time *(prelicensing courses only)*		✓
Enrollment confirmation e-mail	✓	
Internet connection	✓	
Mac-compatible	✓	
Notebook		✓
Print Library *(prelicensing courses only)*		✓
Real-time progress tracking	✓	
Required software included		✓
Ability to review content after course is completed	✓	
Typical Student Profile	• Highly mobile • Enjoys working from multiple PCs • Fast, reliable Internet connection • Comfortable with Internet-based applications • Not interested in using course as a reference	• Don't want to tie up their phone line • Older computer equipment or slow dial-up modem • Not comfortable with Internet applications • Want to refer back to course later

(Note: This table is intended to highlight differences between CD-ROM and online products. Features not included in this list are common to both media.)

Feature	Online	CD-ROM
Calculator		✓
Exit *(closes course, with auto-save)*	✓	✓
Glossary *(searchable)*	✓	✓
Glossary Hotlinks *("pop-up" definitions)*	✓	✓
Help	✓	✓
Instructional Graphics	✓	✓
Labeling Exercises	✓	✓
Matching Exercises	✓	✓
Matrix Exercises	✓	✓
Multiple Choice Exercises	✓	✓
Next/Previous Page Navigation	✓	✓
Notes		✓
Ordering Exercises	✓	✓
Scrollbar *(where necessary)*	✓	✓
Theme Graphics	✓	✓
True/False Exercises	✓	✓
Tutorial	✓	✓