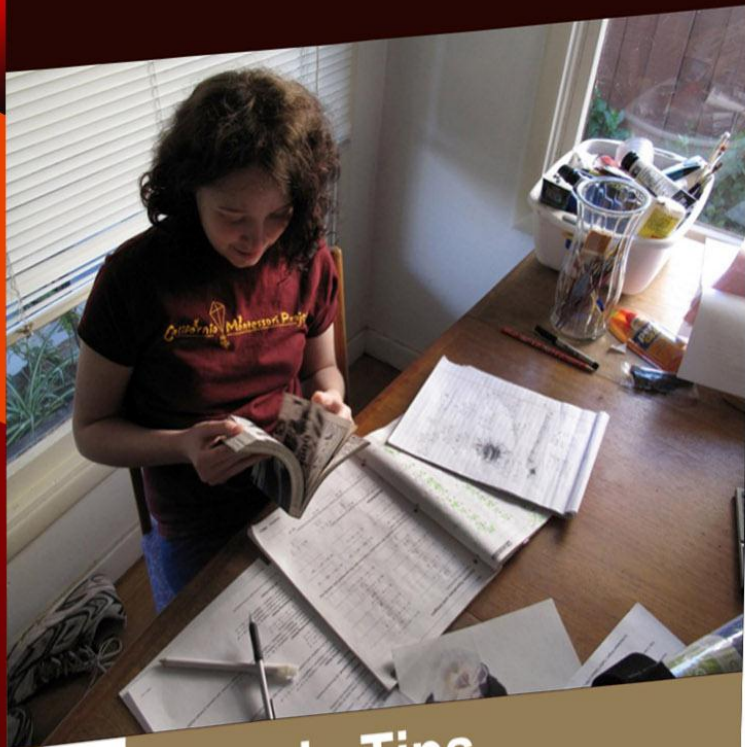


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# 5 Simple Tips for Successful Self Study

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## Foreword

*“Light one candle up is better than curse the darkness”*, this statement I recalled that I had read it from Chinese proverb. Does it tell you something in this hidden statement? Keep the answer to yourself; for me it tells me that for people who have knowledge can do something that is productive than trying to blame on something and do nothing about it. As we all know in today’s society, there are lots of competition in terms of job, status, and etc. for those who don’t have any knowledge, they can’t survive or if they can, they might got cheated, deceived, or exploited by those who have knowledge (but use it in a wrong way) very easily. I believe that you might have heard this statement before; *for those who have knowledge, they can change the desert to become the forest; for those who have **NO knowledge**, they can change the forest to become the desert.* (Sorry! that I forgot where I had come across this statement) but again it tells me the same meaning as the Chinese proverb that I mentioned above.

In my opinion, I believe that everyone on this planet has been blessed with talents and skills in ourselves; however, we need to discover our inner talents and skills in order to make us to decide to pursue for our career

enhancement or whatever you decide you want to do with your life in the future; and *the key to help you to discover that is through KNOWLEDGE*, as what I believe in order to maximize your talents and skills, you need to have knowledge as your tools to achieve it. Sometimes, I also suspect that some people might raise some questions, such as, What should I study that will make me rich?, What I've learned that would make me poor? However, in my opinion; if you try to force yourself to study something that you don't like or have no passion about it but because you've heard from someone that it's the thing that you should study that will make you rich; **WRONG ANSWER**, because of what you have learned but you will never use it, it's not going to make you rich, but if you've learned in something that you like or have a passion about it; either learned to become a shoe makers or design a video game, some day in the future, *it will be **YOUR DAY** that you will be rich because you have your passion and aptitude for a career as your original principal. Got it?*

However, if you think that to study in Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral level is something that actually creates a burden for your lifestyle, because you also have to work, raise your family, and etc. I think then you may like to consider about “**self study**” which in this case I mean,

study through correspondence or online, this will be one of the **BEST** option for you because in this 21<sup>st</sup> century is already a “Social Media Era”.

To be able to say that you are smart in what you are studying, it doesn't depend only that you have a bright brain; contrary, if you are diligent, always keep trying hard, have an effective method in learning, I'm sure that you will be able to succeed in your study as well; even though that you may not be the brightest person in your class, *don't worry* because I'm also don't have a bright brain but I know myself that I'm diligent and always trying and that's why I've succeed in the self study and I would like to share those tips with you because I would like to see more people to be successful in their self study. This is the starting point of why I think my topic about **“5 Simple Tips for Successful Self Study”** is interesting and needs to send the messages across this whole world.

First of all I have to let you know that I am not a professional educator or educational consultant. I'm just an ordinary person who wants to educate myself in everything that I'm interested in but I'm also like most people that I have to work and study at the same time. So, I didn't have a chance of attending a regular class like most of my

friends; and that's why I chose to do for self study for both of my high school and Bachelor degree with the accredited institution.

Back in about almost twenty years ago, I had to quit from my high school after I finished grade 10 due to my family crisis situation at that time; however, I always have in my mind that I would like to continue to finish for my high school (another two more years) and luckily enough that I found this high school called, "American School, USA." in the classified ad. in National Enquirer Magazine back in the year of 1993; so I contacted the school by mail (because back on that time the internet is not exist yet) and I had enrolled with American School in the year of 1993 and graduated in the year 1995. After that I've been waiting for so long about another five years before I decided to pursue for my Bachelor Degree with Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand; I had enrolled in the year 2000 and graduated in the year 2004. The experience of learning through correspondence with American School and totally 100% self study with Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University was a very tough and great experience at the same time. *Don't worry*; you are lucky that you have this e-book because in **"5 Simple Tips for Successful Self Study"** I will reveal all

my tips that I used in order for me to be successful in self study.

I decided to share my experience about tips to become successful in self study because I know that **everyone CAN DO IT**, no matter which school, institution, or university that you choose to pursue for your education, you can do it, if you follow my powerful tips, they work for me and I'm sure that they will be helpful for you too. ***BELIEVE in yourself and that's the key to succeed!!!***

Thanks to you as my reader, thanks so much for supporting my e-book. I am sure that the money you had spent on buying this e-book will be worthwhile for you and you will learn something that actually can apply. May God bless you and be successful in self study.

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## **Chapter 1: Overview of Self Study**

*“A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor”*, this is one of the statement that I had come across from English Proverb. Many people struggle to find the ways that will make their lives to be successful, but there is no ways to ready-made success. No any textbooks that will tell you how to be successful; mostly will be the guideline in a big picture. Success is something specific based on what that individual person wants. *This is why “success” is no fixed standard formula.* Many people when have to encounter the waves (which in this case I want to compare as an obstacle), some may give up, change the goal, or just stop in the middle of sailing. Success can be compare as sailing your boat in the ocean that you try to grab something you want, of course there will be waves, the obstacles, the resistance both from yourself and those who around you, and is not surprising that the sweet success is not for everyone.

From the above comparison, I just want to let you know that nothing in life will come to you easily; you have to have your goal, determination, and etc. in order to make you to achieve what you want. It's the same as doing for self study. It requires lots of your intention and sacrificing



your time to make you to be successful in self study. ***“Self study”*** is a form of study that you study by yourself, as through correspondence courses, without direct supervision or attendance in a classroom, so you are the only person who has to be responsible for yourself. Self study is not for everyone. It requires discipline and a true determination to master the subject. However, one good thing for self study is you can decide how much you want to study and no matter where you are in this world as long as you can have the access to the communication, such as, mailing method or internet; you can do for self study.

***Why self study?*** I think that the most important reason, like for my case is because I don't have a full time to attend the classroom; I have to work and support myself and family, but at the same time I also want to further my education and that's why self study is the **BEST** option for me. There are *many advantages* of self study, such as, 1) Self study lets you get through the material faster, you can study at your own pace without your teacher dictating you on how fast you can go. 2) Self study allows you to have your privacy and independence without the fear of criticism. 3) Cost effective. Again, when there are advantages, there also have disadvantages as well. These are *some disadvantages* of self study, such as, 1) Sometime; when

you try to understand the contents of the chapter may be difficult without a mentor. 2) You may have no confidence if you are studying the right thing or not. 3) The results of your examination may not be that good (or) poor grade.

There are many arguments between studying alone and studying with a well-qualified instructor, which one is more effective? In my opinion, I think that it has to be a combination of both. In addition, we all know that the knowledge of the instructor is quite limited though she is a good instructor, and because of that, we should learn more from books, the Internet, other sources by ourselves. Everything has two sides and same as self study itself. However, if we know it, can control it, and can change ourselves, we could have what we aim for. Though it has some disadvantages, *self study is a skill that everyone needs it and I believe that everyone can do it too.*

That's why for this e-book, I will reveal to you about my experience of self study through correspondence with American School, USA; that I had earned my high school diploma from and with Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand; that I had earned my Bachelor Degree from. Are you **READY**? Let's move on to the next chapter!!! DO IT!!!