August 21, 2020

Dear WCCCD Student,

It is of the utmost importance that we continue to keep our students and their families safe during these unprecedented times. To that end we have decided to transition face-to-face classes to an alternative virtual modality with the exception of certain lab career and allied health courses. Current on-line classes will continue as planned and are not impacted by this decision.

Face-to-face classes that require hands-on experiences or laboratory work will continue to meet on campus. All other classes will use our alternative virtual learning platform, Blackboard Collaborate, for instruction. For this virtual model, students are expected to sign-in to the virtual classroom through Blackboard during the designated day and time the class is scheduled to meet. For example, ENG 120 M/W 9:00 - 10:25 a.m. will continue to meet virtually each Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 – 10:25 a.m.

Please take the following steps to prepare for the start of classes on Monday, August 24:

1. Review the list of courses here and determine how your schedule has been impacted.
2. Enter WCCCD’s distance learning site for instructions on how to access classes at: http://www.wcccd.edu/dept/distance_learning.htm
3. Complete the Blackboard on-line orientation at: http://www.wcccd.edu/dept/blackboard_orien.html
4. Sign-in to Blackboard from our website at: https://blackboard.wcccd.edu/webapps/login/ using your web-gate Student ID (A0-------) and 6 digit pin.
5. Consistently check your WCCCD email for communication from your faculty.

Whether your class is on campus or in a virtual classroom, we want to reassure you that the campuses will be open to assist you in accessing the technology to connect on line, conduct research and complete course work. We also offer virtual support services such as on-line tutoring through Smarthinking and 24/7 advising through Degree Works. Both resources are accessible through your web gate account. These services and more are outlined in the Student Success Toolkit.

The Division of Student Services will be here to assist you every step of the way with registration, advising and other services. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us either by email at studentservices@mail.wcccd.edu or the Student Success Hotline at (313) 496-2634 with any questions or concerns.

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