

Student Orientation Information Letter-HCR 230

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Welcome to the online courses at Glendale Community College (GCC). Online classes are taught on the internet using Blackboard - <http://www.maricopa.edu/blackboard>. Taking an independent online study class, such as HCR 230 requires organization and discipline. You need to schedule time to complete weekly assignments, take quizzes and tests. Many students fail to do this and do not complete the classes. For every credit hour you are taking, you should plan on spending a minimum of 32 - 48 hours. Actual time varies with each student. This course is set up so that you have **assignments and quizzes at specific intervals**. This means that if you registered for three internet classes, you need to be working on all of them at the same time, just as if you would if you were taking the classes on campus.

This is an **EIGHT WEEK CLASS (8/22/09 - 10/13/09)**
CHECK-IN on August 24, 2009.

This is an (online) Internet course, so therefore, there is **no face-face contact** with your instructor.

FOCUS OF COURSE

The main focus of this course is to increase awareness of the dimensions and complexities involved in caring for people from diverse cultural backgrounds as well as exploring your own values and thoughts about cultural issues

TEXTBOOKs (1)

Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness, 7th Edition, Rachel E. Spector.

ASSIGNMENTS There will be **NO** CAMPUS ASSIGNMENTS.

All assignments such as tests, written papers, power points, and group discussions are done online. Assignments are both individual and group.

An Instruction Packet is provided for this class.

Once you are in class (Blackboard) you can read your Instruction Packet and syllabus to find out about assignments, quizzes, tests, grading scale, etc. You are responsible to know what the expectations are of the class.

IMPORTANT!

You are officially enrolled in this course even without your completing an orientation or submitting an assignment, so therefore, if there is a change in your schedule and you decide not to complete this course you must **WITHDRAW**. **Official withdrawal procedures are YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Otherwise, you may receive an F and that could cause problems with your financial aid.

PROBLEMS/ISSUES

If you are having, problems do not wait to get assistance. *Email* as soon as you are having difficulty. If you cannot get into your Blackboard class, your contact person is Dr. Virginia Dumas at virginia.dumas@qcmail.maricopa.edu. If you can get into your Blackboard class but have questions about your class, you need to contact Dr. Virginia Dumas, instructor of your class virginia.dumas@qcmail.maricopa.edu.

TECHNOLOGY

Students must have access to a computer and modem, at home, work, or campus. Access to an Internet provider is required for this course. Required software includes Microsoft Office, in particular Word for written papers, and a Power point Program. Also, make sure that the Pop-Up blocker is turned off.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD

Go to website: www.maricopa.edu/blackboard and login. Click on Student help for assistance if needed.