

Hello, KCKCC Faculty:

In response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation, colleges and universities across the country are “going virtual” with their on-ground classes (see this article for examples: [Colleges Go Virtual in Response to Coronavirus](#) ). **Go Virtual** means transitioning on-ground classes to distance learning classes.

At this time, it is difficult to predict if Kansas City Kansas Community College will “Go Virtual.” It is a possibility. Therefore, as stated in my email to all faculty on Monday, March 9, please work with your Deans to devise strategies for working with your students from a distance. In addition to that, please also consider ways in which to assist students with classes that may be difficult or impossible to conduct at a distance (for example, some types of TEC classes, allied health clinicals, etc.). Be creative! The most important requirement is to ensure that the learning objectives of the course are met.

KCKCC Online Education Services and the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) staff and faculty are a great resource! They have excellent suggestions as to how to serve students if the college does “Go Virtual.” In fact, the CTE will be sending an email with additional resources soon.

Listed below are some suggestions and online resources about meeting student needs during this situation. Again, the CTE will be sending out an email with additional resources soon.

Some courses require students to meet certain competencies. It may be possible to accelerate a class so that students are able to meet the competencies before the end of the semester.

Some science labs can be done safely at home using everyday home items; examples can be found by Googling “online science labs.” I would be glad to share examples that I have used in my online sciences classes, too.

Assign an incomplete in the course. Keep very accurate records on this (work with your Dean), including what work needs to be completed by the student and by a set deadline.

Online Resources:

KCKCC Online Education Services Blog Article

<https://blogs.kckcc.edu/online-education/continuity-of-education/>

*Chronicle of Higher Ed* Article

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Going-Online-in-a-Hurry-What/248207>

From New York University – Best Practices for Teaching with Video Conferencing

<https://www.nyu.edu/faculty/teaching-and-learning-resources/strategies-for-teaching-with-tech/instructional-video-and-web-conferencing/teaching-with-video-conferencing.html>

Thank you for all you do for KCKCC and KCKCC students!

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