



Newsletter

April 17, 2020

Hello Mustang Faculty,

During this COVID-19 break in our traditional classroom environments, Norco Online offers weekly newsletters designed to quickly highlight the news, resources and tips for you in this online transition. As you have learned to know, love and use the [Norco College Regular Update](#), I hope you will find this equally meaningful and supportive to your weekly instructional preparation.

ASCCC NEWS

There is still some time to participate in the small group discussions related to online education hosted by the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges. The series of small group discussion will go through April 24th. Visit their [Program page](#) for details. ASCCC is continuing to add to its resources- you can go [here](#) to access that information.

BREAKING NEWS

[The Basic Needs Student Resource Guide](#) is available online thanks to Dr. Sandra Popiden. Included in the resource guide are useful links to BN resources and services at Norco, community partners, and government programs. It also has helpful "how to" information about filing for CalFresh (food assistance), family leave, unemployment benefits, and Medi-Cal etc.

COUNSELING NEWS

Summer registration is just around the corner! Students can make an appointment to meet with a counselor online to discuss to their student education plan. To make an appointment students should visit the [counseling website](#).

On April 27, the summer class schedule will be available online and in WebAdvisor, with priority registration beginning on May 18.

On June 15, the fall class schedule will be posted online and in WebAdvisor, with priority registration beginning on July 6.

Mental Health Counseling is available to students via Zoom. Students should call (951)372-7046 to make an appointment.

ABC's in Online Education

We hope JKL's of online education will help with your online teaching endeavors!

J- **Just Ask!**

This transition to online teaching has brought many challenges and frustrations for both students AND faculty. Here's the great news: you have colleagues ready and waiting to support your needs! The District just launched a program to train faculty mentors. These mentors will be helping faculty address any accessibility gaps in their courses. Mentors will be reaching out to faculty in the coming weeks to support your needs. If you have any questions about faculty mentors or you are interested in becoming a mentor, please reach out to your department Chair.

K- **Knowledge**

There are amazing resources to help you build your skills and knowledge in this new online teaching world. Whether it's a webinar, or even Norco College's own Distance Ed newsletter, there are resources out there to help support your needs! Here are some resources:

[California Community College Accessibility Center](#) –free webinars and information on accessibility tools

[Washington University DOIT Resources](#) – trainings, communities of practice and strategies on implementing Universal Design

[Vision Resource Center](#) – Chancellor's Office resource providing opportunities to connect with colleagues across the state

L- **Learning Curve**

We are all learning in this new online environment. Remember that many of our students have never taken an online course before. For students, some of the most common challenges in an online setting are access to technology and comfort level with online tools, time management, and adapting to independent work. Take time to check in with your students. You never know the

impact that simple messages of support in your Canvas shell can have on struggling students!

Also take the time to step back and appreciate how far we have come as a college in just a few short weeks. Because of your efforts we have fully transitioned to an online environment for our students. We moved our courses online and became Zoom experts, all while caring for the safety and health of ourselves and loved ones. You are all doing amazing!

Trainings and Webinars

Chancellor's Office Weekly Updates - Every Wednesday, 9am-10am

You can access the webinars by connecting through Zoom:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/299858221>

Town Hall: A Conversation with Policymakers and Practitioners on African American Student Success – April 23, 3pm

Register for this free webinar here: [Webinar Registration](#)

Addressing Racial Bias and Microaggressions in Online Environments – April 28, 10am – 11:15am

Register for this free webinar here: [Webinar Registration](#)

Equity-Minded Student Services in the Online Environment (Previously Recorded Webinar) - [RECORDING](#)

Employing Equity-Minded and Culturally Affirming Teaching Practices in Virtual Learning (Previously Recorded Webinar) - [RECORDING](#)

In Solidarity,

Norco Online Education

<http://norcocollege.edu/online>

Norco Distance Education Committee

<https://www.norcocollege.edu/committees/dec/Pages/index.aspx>