

# TMCC STUDENT INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

## Online students must:

- Be a self-starter-have the maturity and motivation to work independently.
- Use time wisely, be organized, be self-directed, and be willing to use new modes of communication and learning.
- Be willing to put in the needed time, read the text carefully, and actively participate in online class activities.
- Check communication frequently, get all assignments in on time, and discuss any concerns and questions with the instructor.
- Have regular access to a computer that meets minimum requirements.
- Have basic computer skills and be able to navigate the Internet.

## How an online class works:

- Confirm you have your username/password and know how to access the online class.
- Be sure to check in for the first time within 1-2 days of the start of a session/semester.
- Establish a regular routine for checking for course communication and to participate in course activities - students need to check in at least 3 times a week to the online class.
- Read the course syllabus and check for any special instructions from the instructor - be aware of any instructor expectations as well as any assignment/activity deadlines.
- Tour the online class to become familiar with where to find assignments and activities.
- Follow the assignments and associated deadlines as identified on the syllabus and/or special course instructions.
- If you have a question or concern, contact the instructor through established course communication.

Please note: online courses are just as difficult - or more difficult - and may be more time consuming than traditional courses. Online courses typically require much more reading and writing than traditional classes.

## Minimum computer set-up you must have:

### Hardware and operating system requirements:

- PC running Windows XP, or Windows Vista or Windows 7, Mac running OS 9 or OS X
- 256MB RAM (memory), 512MB or more recommended
- 500MB of Free Disk Space
- Display set to 1024x768 or higher resolution
- Internet Connection, high speed or DSL recommended

### Software: Recommended Applications and Viewers

- Mozilla Firefox is the recommended Web browser. Supported browsers:  
PC: IE 7 or higher, Firefox 3.x or higher Mac: Firefox
- Word processor compatible with Microsoft Word 2007 or 2010
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Windows Media Player
- Quicktime Player
- Flash Player

### Required Browser Settings:

- Allow pop-up windows from all [tmcc.edu](http://tmcc.edu) sites (\*.tmcc.edu)
- Allow cookies from all [tmcc.edu](http://tmcc.edu) sites
- Javascript enabled
- Java Runtime Environment installed

**Minimum computer skills you must have:**

- Ability to download and install files from the Internet.
- Knowledge in navigating the Internet.
- Proficient in use of search engines for research.
- Ability to send and receive e-mail with attachments.
- File management skills: copy files from a flash drive or the Internet to a specific directory on the hard drive.
- Word processing skills such as: how to create files, open files, save files, print files, and edit documents.
- If you need to upgrade your computer skills please consider taking one of the excellent introductory computer courses offered at TMCC.

**Minimum Student Behavioral Expectations:**

- Students taking an online class will login as requested by the instructor. At a minimum, students will log into the class three times a week. Students should be aware that your instructor may administratively withdraw a student for nonattendance or impose other consequences for failure to meet this login requirement. Instructors may also impose additional login requirements.
- Students taking an online class for the first time will complete an online orientation before the start of the class to confirm the necessary computer skills, familiarity with essential online class functions, and awareness of strategies for online student success. A first-time online student will not be able to access their online course until they have completed the online orientation. It is advised that students complete the online orientation as soon as possible to ensure the ability to access the class on the first day of instruction.
- As of July 2011, to comply with new requirements for students receiving Federal financial aid, students must check into the class within the first two days of class and must engage in at least one substantial activity (e.g., sending a course communication to the instructor, participating in a discussion and/or completing a quiz) each week of the class. This minimum level of participation only satisfies the Federal regulation and does not supersede the additional requirements that may be set by the instructor of the course.

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