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Dear Online Student:

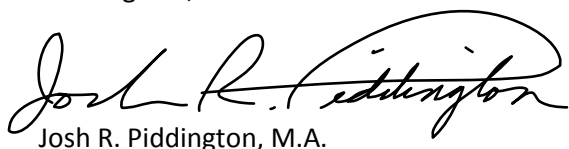
Welcome to your Online Course at Gloucester County College.

The online course for which you have registered provides you the same credit and the same educational experience as a traditional classroom course. The advantage is you control the time of day that you participate in the course activities. You can manage the time you invest in the learning activities based upon your schedule needs. Please continue to read this welcome letter for important answers to common questions!

1. **When does my course begin?** Online courses follow the same academic schedule as traditional classes. Winter session begins on Monday, December 19, 2011. The Spring semester officially begins on Monday, January 23, 2012. **Be aware that many Winter & Spring courses will begin after the official start of the term. You must consult your GCC class schedule for your course's official start date. You will NOT be able to log in or view your course that uses the eLearning system until the official first day of your class.**
2. **What is eLearning?** All online courses run on a Learning Management System (LMS) known as eLearning. You access eLearning courses through the internet using a current web browser like *Internet Explorer 8* or *Firefox 8*.
3. **Am I required to attend an Online Course Orientation?** Yes, online courses are very different from traditional face to face courses. Generally speaking, online courses require additional time and a different approach. **If you are taking an online course for the first time you are required to attend an Online Course Orientation that will explain how to successfully use all of the online course tools.** The Online Course Orientation will also provide you with tips that will help you to successfully complete your online course. To attend the orientation just open your web browser and go to <http://elearning.gccnj.edu/orientation>. Once there click on the link titled [eLearning Orientation for New Students](#).
4. **What is my GCC User Name and Password?** GCC uses a single User Name and Password to access ALL online resources such as the Portal, Webmail and eLearning. If you don't already know your user name go to <http://elearning.gccnj.edu> and click on [Login Instructions](#). If you still don't know what your User Name is, call the Technical Support Desk at 856.415.2298 and select option 3.
5. **How do I access my online course?** To access your online course login to the GCC Portal at <http://www.gccnj.edu>. Once logged in, click on the [eLearning Icon](#) located in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. A new window will pop open displaying your online courses. **Note, while logged in to the GCC Portal, please check Personal Announcements. Welcome letters from instructors have been provided for some courses.**
6. **How do I get my textbooks?** Textbooks can be purchased online at <http://gloucestercc.bkstore.com>.

Now, get ready to enjoy your online learning experience and welcome to our community of online learners! If you need any additional assistance please contact the Division of Instructional Technology for eLearning help at 856.415.2298, option 3 or email eLearning@gccnj.edu.

Kind Regards,



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