Dear NCTC Lions,

The administration, faculty and staff at North Central Texas College continue to assess and navigate our current environment in regards to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, keeping the safety and success of our students at the center of all decisions we make. We are determined to provide quality opportunities for students to begin or continue towards their personal, educational and career goals as we always have, while also prioritizing the health and wellness of our entire campus community. This means our Fall 2020 semester (and the weeks leading up to its August 24th start date) will look and feel different in comparison to past semesters, however the world is different so we must allow necessity to fuel our creative interventions and embrace the learning experiences which adversity and change can provide!

Rest assured that even while our physical campus locations remain closed our staff and faculty are here with you and for you, and we have implemented the following measures to provide optimal access to student services and increased class schedule flexibility in a safe, adaptive environment.

**Remote Learning Flexibility and Student Resources:**

1. Students have **FOUR different class formats** to choose from this Fall, and can take any and all combinations based on what is ideal for each student’s schedule.
   a. **Online**: Classes delivered entirely online in CANVAS (online learning platform)
   b. **Synchronous Online**: Online classes with scheduled times for virtual, real-time lectures and labs each week
   c. **Hybrid classes**: Classes partially online in CANVAS and partially on-campus (typically one face to face meeting per week)
   d. **Face to Face**: Classes delivered fully on-campus, face to face
2. NCTC has expanded the number of courses that will be offered either fully online, or as a hybrid or synchronous format, **with over 80% of classes in the Fall incorporating online learning through CANVAS**. This means little to no disruption to your weekly schedule should work, family or other life circumstances impact your ability to come to campus.
3. Face to face classes will have smaller numbers of students, based on the actual classroom size, in order to follow proper social distancing and safety protocols. **All students, faculty and staff will be required to wear face masks and practice social distancing while on any NCTC campus, both within and outside the classroom, in addition to completing a self-certification process regarding symptoms or potential exposure to COVID-19.**
4. **Final exams in all courses will take place online or through remote test proctoring**, regardless of the class format (online, hybrid, synchronous or face to face), with the exception of Career and Technical Education and Health Sciences courses, and/or those students who have obtained accommodations through Disability Services.
5. **All NCTC Student Services** will continue to meet the needs of our current and potential students primarily through **virtual formats** (phone, text, email, and/or Zoom), limiting unnecessary trips to campus. Our [COVID-19 Student Resources](#) site will
also be routinely updated with the most current information and referrals to valuable community services such as housing, financial assistance, food banks and physical and mental healthcare. We care about you as a person, not just a student, and it's important to ask for any and all help you may need during this difficult time (in fact at all times)!

Thank you for your continued feedback, patience and support and please know how much we appreciate you choosing NCTC to play a part in your path to a better life. We know to expect the unexpected in these uncertain times and are prepared to make additional future decisions or adaptations, yet always with the health of our community and our students’ best interests in mind. We are confident in the planning and precautions NCTC has already taken, as well as in the relentless spirit of our Lion Pride, and we will continue to persevere in service to our students.

Please stay safe and healthy. Go Lions!

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