CTC’s accessible education supports student success, completion and employability.

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**Chancellor message**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we collectively achieve our mission of providing CTC students with the quality education and training needed to be successful in today’s workforce. As we conclude the spring 2020 semester, I am extremely proud of how each of you worked diligently to make this semester a success despite the COVID-19 crisis. I am especially grateful to our faculty for making the necessary adjustments to ensure our students had an opportunity to successfully complete their courses.

In evaluating the current state of affairs regarding the pandemic and the recent decision by Governor Gregg Abbott to reopen Texas in a limited capacity, the health and safety of our students and employees continues to be my top priority. The Governor’s latest executive order allows (GA-18) for the continuation of essential services and the reopening of other services in Texas. Governor Abbott’s current guidance requires we continue to follow the critical health guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), practice social distancing, avoid crowds and limit physical contact. In his report to reopen Texas, the governor also referenced the CDC’s recommendation to wear a simple face cloth covering in public to slow the spread of the virus.

Given the need to remain cautious and proactive in avoiding the spread of COVID-19, we will continue to work remotely through June 30. The exception to this directive is essential work activity as deemed necessary by your dean or associate deputy chancellor with the approval of the responsible deputy chancellor. While on campus, it is recommended you wear a fabric face covering in areas where you are unable to practice social distancing.

The administration is currently working on a plan to reopen the campus. Thank you in advance for your support as we manage the many moving parts associated with this task. Our goal is to reopen the campus in a safe and responsible manner,
which means you are very critical to the success of this effort.

Stay healthy and stay safe. We will get through this.

For information and updates on COVID-19, visit https://www.ctcd.edu/health-alert/ and the following resources:
Helpful Links and FAQs
Student Support Resources
Instructional Department Contact Information

Nursing update
Central Texas College celebrated National Nurses’ Week last week by recognizing a handful of nursing graduates as they deal with COVID-19 in their workplace. See the story here.

The Department of Nursing and Allied Health has also provided a series of health safety how-to videos to help keep us safe as more businesses, restaurants and other entities begin to open. CTC reminds you to still use safety precautions when you are out and about.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTzjrFfOs-w&list=PLPswCS3r5VQVpjBjp5kKWF0dFWCEZMaE2

Events update
As the CTC administration continues to monitor the COVID-19 crisis, the health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. With that in mind, the cancellation of CTC-sponsored events is extended through August 31. This decision is also applicable to events booked by external organizations. All events scheduled beyond August 31 are subject to change or cancellation based on guidance and information disseminated by local, state and federal officials. The events cancellation includes the spring graduation ceremony which was moved to August 6. The spring ceremony will now be combined with the fall graduation ceremony in December.

Eagles’ Nest
The CTC Foundation held a drop-off food drive last week to replenish its food pantry with non-perishable food items. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to help purchase food may do so online via PayPal at https://www.ctcd.edu/about-ctc/ctc-foundation/ways-to-give/. Click the gold “Donate” button and be sure to leave a note indicating the donation is for the food
p antry.

Graduation
The CTC spring 2020 graduation ceremony was postponed as the school remains closed during initial stay-at-home order initiated by the COVID-19 pandemic. These graduates will now be recognized during the fall commencement ceremony scheduled for December 6 at the Bell County Expo Center.

Nearly 420 graduates were scheduled to participate in the spring ceremony. The average age of the graduates is 23 years with the oldest graduate at 64 years of age and the youngest at 17. The total number of degrees and certificates that were to be conferred for the spring graduation is 68 associate of applied science degree, 315 associate of arts degrees, 26 associate of science degrees and eight certificates of completion.

The graduating class includes various active-duty military personnel and family members. From the U.S. Army were 38 soldiers, 200 civilians and 175 family members. Two member of the U.S. Air Force and three Marines are also included in the graduating class.

Nine students, including four from the Early College High School, were recognized as highest honors graduates for completing their degree plans with a 4.0 grade point average.

Webex-to-Facebook live
CTC Live! is a series of Webex sessions broadcast via CTC Facebook live. The purpose is to provide students information on various academic departments and available student services and give them a chance to get real-time answers to their questions. This week’s sessions feature the Mathematics dept. on Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m. and Veterans Services on Wednesday, May 13 at 10 a.m. Watch the presentations live on the CTC Facebook page.

Some of the previous sessions are available:

Continuing Education
The Continuing Education department is offering 10 free self-paced tutorial (SPT) courses which include a mix of hard and soft skills that apply to today’s changing job market which could prove vital for both job seekers and those currently
employed. The courses can be leveraged to enter the workforce or for career advancement.
The available courses are:
Creating Web Pages
Creating WordPress Websites
Fundamentals of Supervision and Management
Twelve Steps to a Successful Job Search
Keys to Effective Communication
Managing Customer Service
Marketing Your Business on the Internet
Personal Finance
Small Business Marketing on a Shoestring
Individual Excellence

These courses are offered free through June 30. Register at

Wifi access
CTC is offering wifi internet access from parking lot F1 between the Residence Hall (Bldg. 120) and Student Services (Bldg. 119) on the central campus between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily. Wifi access is available to students and employees on the CTC_Open network and employees only on the Faculty_Staff network. Users must adhere to the following guidelines:
You have the option to remain in your vehicle or within six feet of your vehicle while adhering to social distancing guidelines:
Keep a distance of six feet between yourself and others
Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
Stay home when sick or if other family members are sick
Your vehicle must remain off when not in operation
No music is allowed when using the wifi service
The campus is closed. Therefore, building restrooms are not available for use.

Free stream of shows
The Mayborn Science Theater is offering a variety of shows which can be streamed free from its website. Viewers can watch from home on their tablet, computer or other streaming devices at their leisure, any time day or night. In addition, several coloring sheets, word games and other challenges are available online for youngsters. Visit www.starsatnight.org to see a list of the shows and activities and click on your choice.

Printing update
The Reprographics department is open and available to support campus printing needs. In compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Picking up printing orders must be scheduled and can be done via email printing.department@ctcd.edu or by calling ext. 1156.

News briefs

https://www.ctcd.edu/news-events/texas-campus-news/students-speak-out-on-math-classes-online/


https://www.ctcd.edu/news-events/texas-campus-news/ctcs-smith-wins-award-for-educational-service-to-veterans/

https://www.ctcd.edu/news-events/texas-campus-news/ctc-professors-use-technology-creativity-to-engage-with-students/


https://www.ctcd.edu/news-events/texas-campus-news/byways-now-available-online/