

Dear Great Bay Students,

Great Bay Community College is developing a plan to minimize any future risk/threat of the Coronavirus Covid-19 affecting our campus community of students, faculty, and staff while keeping students on track for the successful completion of their spring courses. In an effort to limit large groups meeting on campus, the Office of Academic Affairs will be working with faculty to move towards offering all possible courses to online/multi-modal delivery when feasible for the remainder of the spring semester beginning on March 23, 2020. There will also be a plan to allow specialized courses, lab courses, and off-site programs/internships/clinicals to continue to operate without disruptions as currently scheduled. Over the next week, your course faculty will be communicating with you regarding their plans and expectations for your courses so please check your email and Canvas course information at least daily for their announcements.

If there are changes in how your course is being delivered, there are supports that will be in place to ease your transition. Canvas is Great Bay's Learning Management System. All students have been enrolled in a Student Canvas Training course which will provide information and can be used as an ongoing "how to" resource to maximize your use and experience within your scheduled courses. In addition to this training, your course faculty and our College Help Desk will also be great resources as you build in confidence with the different aspects of course delivery and your participation. Your courses in Canvas are accessible by computer, tablet, or smart phone. Additionally computer labs in our CAPS and Library on campus will still be accessible to students.

The College campus will be open so students can still access supports in CAPS, Library, the Advising and Transfer Center, One Stop (Business Office, Financial Aid, Registrar), and IT Help Desk. Registration for summer and fall courses will still be taking place beginning after spring break and your academic advisors will be working with you on in-person, Zoom, phone, or email options for your advising and registration session. If you have any questions or concerns that are course related, I ask that you continue to communicate with your assigned faculty. Please know that this plan that we are putting into place is designed to support both faculty and students in this transition and maintain our ability to continue to deliver a high-quality academic experience during this period of modified course delivery. Please stay-tuned for further information from your course faculty and thank you for your support and cooperation during this time. Wishing you all a successful spring semester. Sincerely,



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