



May 4, 2020

Dear Student,

In this time of great uncertainty, you can count on us at Lake Tahoe Community College to provide you with a safe and clear path forward, and a way to plan that you can count on in order to continue your college education and meet your goals.

This email describes what formats LTCC's Summer and Fall quarter classes will be offered in that allows quality education to continue in the safest way possible, regardless of what happens with COVID-19. For at least the next two quarters, LTCC will primarily offer online and formerly face-to-face classes moved to a virtual format (Enhanced Virtual Education, or EVE) to allow learning to happen safely from anywhere. If it's possible based on current conditions, some courses requiring hands-on learning will be offered in a hybrid format, with online learning complemented by small-group, face-to-face (F2F) work with physical distancing measures in place.

It's just not clear yet if F2F classes can safely be held on LTCC's campus this summer and fall. So to allow learning to continue, LTCC will provide classes primarily in three ways: as existing Distance Education (DE) classes, as EVE classes, or as hybrids that mix online and mandatory F2F elements. DE are simply online classes that were originally designed and offered that way before. EVE are formerly F2F classes redesigned for a virtual environment. They incorporate many elements of F2F classes, such as plenty of interactive discussion, use of video for visual learners, small class sizes, and significant teacher presence and support, like in a traditional classroom.

Please know that the classes you need to complete or continue with your degree or certificate will be available. If it is possible for us to safely open the library and computer labs to further support our students, we certainly will.

We'll be using the following practices to provide a full array of Summer and Fall 2020 offerings in the safest and most predictable manner possible:

Summer 2020

Classes will be offered primarily in DE and EVE formats. If possible, some Allied Health, Fire Science, Wilderness Education, and other public service-related courses will be offered in a hybrid format using EVE for lectures and small groups physically distanced for required F2F components. LTCC's Intensive Spanish Summer Institute (July 27-31) will be offered entirely online using the EVE format. For more information, visit www.ltcc.edu/issi.

Fall 2020

The Fall schedule will primarily consist of DE and EVE courses, with some limited hybrid options available. These will include F2F elements for certain science labs, or small-group courses for Emergency Medical Technician, Fire, and other crucial public safety classes. These plans rely on the situation regarding COVID-19 improving and the subsequent "opening" of at least some parts of the South Shore community.

LTCC's Summer/Fall schedule will be available at www.ltcc.edu/schedule the week of May 18, so you can fully plan, register, and chart your future before spring is over. Priority registration begins Tuesday, May 26.

We hope you find this approach safe, useful for your planning, and motivational. Plenty of research shows that when students know what's coming and they have a plan, they are more likely to reach their goals. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have at the Coyote Hotline, available M-F, 9am-4pm at (530) 542-8812, or at (530) 541-4660 x. 195.