

## Moving to a New College Normal with COVID-19

To help students, faculty, and staff 'stay put' and 'out of germs way', for the rest of the semester and possibly into summer, colleges are moving to online courses. Below are some suggestions and resources for faculty, staff, students, and parents to better navigate new online courses and student requirements.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)/Financial Aid Requirement:** Reach out to your Financial Aid office to seek assistance in planning how students will complete their required internship or volunteer hours if campus closes to students and courses are put online.

**Online Coursework:** Many institutions are going online with all courses to facilitate social distancing and discourage social gathering. There are a number of strategies and resources available for teachers and faculty.

### Accessible Content for All Students:

**Students & Parents:** While the student should always reach out to their college support system first, this is a big change happening quickly for many colleges and students. It might be helpful for parents to become familiar with the learning management system (LMS) your son/daughter's college is using as most or all of their previous courses were face-to-face. Look for the *Student Guides* online to assist your son/daughter in navigating their online coursework. <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701-canvas-student-guide-table-of-contents> or <https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student>

**Instructors:** *Chronicle of Higher Education* article [https://www.chronicle.com/article/Going-Online-in-a-Hurry-What/248207#\\_blank](https://www.chronicle.com/article/Going-Online-in-a-Hurry-What/248207#_blank)

*There are several ways, depending upon the LMS, to differentiate assignments for students who may be auditing a course. Below are a few in two popular LMS.*

- 'Adaptive Release' (Blackboard LMS) feature in most LMS will allow you to add more time or only certain questions by student in the course.
- 'Assignments' (Canvas LMS). When creating or editing an assignment, you can assign an assignment to individual students, set different due and availability dates.
- 'Differentiated Assignments' in the gradebook (Canvas LMS). The assignment appears as a column for all students, but grade cells are grayed out for student who have not been included in the assignment. Trades cannot be assigned for students who have not been included in the assignment, and assignments that are not assigned to a student are not factored into overall grades.