

DISTANCE EDUCATION

The mission of RCCD Distance Education is to support the social and economic mobility of its students by ensuring access, success, and equity for everyone through the efficient, effective, accountable, and transparent use of distance education resources. This is accomplished in part by supporting student access to online courses through Canvas, making learning possible anytime from anywhere. Students are encouraged to have reliable internet access and electronic technology beyond a mobile device. Canvas student support and other resources can be accessed following the student link on the Distance Education website.

Distance Education courses are academically equivalent to their oncampus counterparts and fulfill RCCD general education, elective, and/or major requirements, with many classes transferable to fouryear institutions. They are available in the following formats:

- Online Course Modality Online (ONLN) – no scheduled meeting days: Online classes are distance education classes with no scheduled meeting days. Students will log in to Canvas and complete work regularly throughout the week. Canvas and other technologies will be required to complete coursework.
- Regular Meeting (REG MEET) – Specific days/times: Distance education classes with regular weekly meeting(s) during scheduled days and times. Students will attend class online during the published course times. Additionally, students will log in to Canvas and complete work regularly throughout the week. Canvas and other technologies will be required to complete coursework.
- Occasional Meeting (OCC MEET) - Specific days/times: Distance education classes with occasional meetings during scheduled days and times. Students will occasionally attend class online during the published course times. Additionally, students will log in to Canvas and complete work regularly throughout the week. Canvas and other technologies will be required to complete coursework.
- Hybrid (HYB) - Hybrid classes are distance education courses combined with on-campus face to face classes that will meet on required scheduled meetings days and times unless the college is ordered to discontinue face to face classes. If face to face courses are discontinued, and the course cannot be completed through distance education, it will be canceled. Canvas and other technologies will be required to complete coursework.

Some certificate programs can be completed fully online. For further information, students should consult a counselor. Students should also review their Student Educational Plan with a counselor before taking any class to be sure it meets their academic and educational goals.