

## **Online Course Information**

The HCC Opticianry Program utilizes a Learning Management System (LMS) called BlackBoard. HCC's online courses are known as Online@ HCC.

Prior to FALL 2011 Online@ HCC utilized an LMS known as WebCT. The new BlackBoard LMS is very different. Beginning Fall 2011 the HCC Opticianry Program will convert all OPT Courses to the new BlackBoard LMS. The new LMS will require some time for your Instructors as well as OPT Students to get used to and to work out any technical issues.

Due to unforeseen technical issues the HCC Opticianry Program has not been able to create instructional videos to train new Students on how to use the new BlackBoard LMS. We intend to have a BlackBoard orientation developed by early August 2011. We will expect all current and future OPT Students to review the BlackBoard Instructional Videos prior to the start of Fall 2011 Classes (August 22nd). In the meantime please see the important information below:

- You must Register through the new HCC User Account Management System called Active Directory. Valid Active Directory Accounts will allow you to manage your passwords for HCC systems and provide access to your online courses.
- You must have a valid HCC ID# to register in the Active Directory
- Please check the Opticianry Website/ Current Student Information periodically prior to the Fall 2011 Semester to review the BlackBoard training videos once they are posted

The HCC Opticianry Program utilizes Blackboard Learning System as its delivery method for Online Opticianry Courses (through Online@HCC). Blackboard allows our Students to access course information 24 hours per day/ 7 days per week (within the timeframe of any given semester.)

Online Opticianry Blackboard Courses cannot be accessed prior to the first day of classes for any given semester, and **ALL course work (assignments, projects, quizzes, exams) must be completed and submitted PRIOR to the Final Exam Week.**

The Student is responsible for identifying and completing all course objectives as outlined by the course syllabus.

The HCC Opticianry Program makes every attempt to keep the online courses consistent. Each instructor has their own individual method of presenting and managing course information to and from the students. Although Opticianry Blackboard courses vary in content many of the components of each course remain consistent throughout the program.

The videos posted on the HCC Opticianry Website under Current Student Information will present information about the most common components of the HCC Opticianry Program's Blackboard Courses. These components include (but are not limited to):

- Course Syllabus
- Course Calendar
- Online Course Content (reading assignments/ lecture videos)
- Private Email
- Public Discussion Board
- Quizzes

***It is the Student's responsibility to be aware of the course objectives and requirements. It is the Student's responsibility to have the ability, resources, time and technology required to access their Online Courses as well as complete the objectives of their courses per the requirements of the courses and the program.***