Dear Students:

Welcome to HCC’s online biology course. You are most likely taking this course because it is required and you are majoring in a subject/profession other than biology. Nonetheless, I know that you will enjoy this course because the content has practical value and will be useful to you throughout your life.

I have been teaching biology courses for more than 25 years since I graduated from the School of Medicine, Department of Cell Biology, Anatomy and Neuroscience, at the University of Pittsburgh. I was not a strong supporter of online science courses; however, I now teach biology and anatomy & physiology online, and both courses are as rigorous as my land courses. Surprisingly, students perform better or the same taking these courses online. The convenience of studying at home and working at your own pace is a great asset well worth the occasional technical problems that are encountered with online courses.

Try not to fall behind, read all the assignments and take all the quizzes and you will succeed. At first you may find it challenging to navigate around this online course, but you will soon get the hang of it and find it somewhat enjoyable.

I will reply to your e-mails within one working day (24 hours) not counting weekends. Nearly every time, I reply the same day or the next day. Do not hesitate to call me especially if the matter is urgent. Rest assured, I will do all I can to help you succeed in this course. Trust me, it is not that difficult. If you are not highly computer literate, don’t worry, you will catch-on soon. Have confidence in yourself no matter what your past experiences have been with science courses. Try to enjoy learning in general, and this course in particular. You will cherish your college days many decades later. It is a wonderful and short-lived opportunity.

By the way, the “lab” section of this course is actually part of the lecture that borrows a few “hands-on” activities from the lab course (a State requirement). This course does not give lab credit. You have to do the lab activities even if you already have met your science lab course requirement.

“Kozeka” may be difficult for you to pronounce and remember...please address me as “Dr. K”.

Best wishes,

“Dr. K”