**COLLEGE TRANSITION 103 2 YEAR COLLEGE TRANSITION TO A 4 YEAR**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN**

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**TOPIC 2**

**California Virtual Community College System Increases Choices, Transfers**

The Online Education Initiative will greatly expand course offerings for community college students, while making the transfer process between institutions much more smooth. The Initiative has its critics, however, who decry the loss of local control over education.

In an effort to boost graduation rates among community college students in their state, the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, with funding from the state legislature, will implement the Online Education Initiative (OEI) this fall. The central tenet of the OEI is to expand course offerings and related online services to help students obtain a degree or facilitate transfer to another California institution for matriculation. For years, budget cuts have greatly impacted the course offerings of the state’s community college system, leaving hundreds of thousands of potential students shut out of the system. State education officials hope that this new online portal will open the doors to those students. It is also hoped that expanded access to courses will improve student retention and thus lead to more degrees and certificates being conferred, particularly among underserved and underrepresented populations in the state.

Our experience with the CVC system has been very beneficial for our students. If our students are in a 2 year school, high school or a 4 year enrolling in lower division core courses offered by both public community colleges and 4 year schools that post their openings on the CVC affords students a chance to pick up a course he or she could not get locally at his or her school while it is delivered at the same cost and online.

Example -- student is enrolled at Santa Monica City College as a spring semester freshman and cannot get into a Humanities course that is interesting to the student and at the time he or she needs it to fit in the weekly class schedule.

The student goes to the California Virtual Community College website. He or she types in the course he or she is looking for and a list is presented of the Humanities courses in all 112 community colleges and a bunch of private schools offering that course. The course could be Music Appreciation at Shasta College (Redding Ca), Foothill College ( Los Altos, Ca) etc. and many more schools and the student can enroll. If he or she enrolls and takes the course will count and be added to the Santa Monica City College transcript if sent to the registrar at the end of the semester.

This is an easy way to get the courses you wanted or needed.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 1**

Please login to the California Virtual Community College website - <https://cvc.edu>.

Select 3 of your courses that you are having a tough time getting for whatever reason or just select 3 courses to practice utilizing a program so you can gain some experience and exposure.

Course Name

School Offering

Same course and Name

A Different School Offering

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Course Name

School Offering

Same course and Name

A Different School Offering

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2nd course

Course Name

School Offering

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Same course and Name

A Different School Offering

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3rd course

Course Name

School Offering

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Same course and Name

A Different School Offering

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 2 – SET UP CALL WITH THE DEAN**

**Please have your questions and assignments available to discuss in a 15-30 minute block.**