Dear Online Students,

I want to welcome you to ECE 101: Child Growth and Development. I am looking forward to working with you throughout the course.

The best way to communicate with me is through email. My email address is jennifer.paris@canyons.edu. I will do my best to reply to you within one business day (and often the turn-around time is much shorter, as I check my email very frequently).

Some important information I would like you to have before the class begins:

- Please read the syllabus. I will be sending out more information when the course becomes available.
- Be aware that if you have never taken an online class before, there are different assessments such as ours here at College of the Canyons, one from the Illinois Online Network, and this one from MiraCosta College, to provide you information to help you determine if online classes will be a good fit for you.
- You may also find this video introducing online and hybrid learning at College of the Canyons helpful.
- You can request help from me and find many useful resources on the Distance & Accelerated Learning page (look at the options in the Student Resource tab’s drop down menu).
- You will be utilizing Canvas for this course. Use your My Canyons username and your initial password is students. Log in once the course is available at: https://coc.instructure.com/login/canvas. You will be sent an email notification when the course is available (it will be made available before the start date, so you can do some “test driving.” I strongly encourage you to get started early).
- You can find an abundance of information about Canvas online. You may find these video tutorials helpful.
- Make sure you have set aside approximately 9 hours a week for the class. Plan your schedule and access to a computer and the internet to allow you to meet the due dates each week. Try to avoid waiting until the last minute to submit your work.
- You will need regular access to the textbook beginning the first week of class. The textbook for this class is Child: From Birth to Adolescence by Martorell. The ISBN is: 978-0-07-803551-7. You can find the textbook through our Bookstore.
- The class is fully online. You will be able to complete all of your coursework without any presence on either of the College of the Canyons campuses.
- In order to keep your seat in the class (and avoid being dropped) you must:
  - Log in on (or before) the second day of class.
  - Complete the Start Here work by the first Friday of the class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I am here to support you and facilitate your success in the course.

Welcome and best wishes,

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