Dear Student,

Welcome to the hybrid version of Math 070 at College of the Canyons. My name is Dr. Ana Palmer and I will be the instructor of the course. The purpose of this letter is to give you an overview of the course which hopefully will help you decide if hybrid learning is suitable for your needs.

The course is designed to develop intermediate algebra skills, including solving systems using substitution, eliminations, matrices, and determinants, working with second degree equations in one unknown, applying function notation and operations, finding inverse, domain and range of functions, graphing linear, quadratic, simple polynomial, exponential, logarithmic functions and conic section, working with quadratic and rational inequalities, applying rules of exponents to work with fractional exponents, add, subtract, multiply, and divide radicals, including work with radicals having different indices.

The textbook for this course is: Elementary & Intermediate Algebra by Sullivan (3rd edition)

Please do not purchase anything until we meet for course orientation and I have an opportunity to explain the course requirements/setup in greater detail. For this course, you are only required to purchase a MyMathLab Access Code which will cost about $90. When you purchase the access code, you will be able to access the textbook online. You shouldn’t purchase the access code until after the orientation. If you took hybrid Math 060 in spring 2017 at COC, you may not need to purchase another Student Access Kit. Your access should be valid for one year.

Once again, the only required material for the course is MML student access code mentioned above and your COC email account. Without the access code and a valid email account, you will not be able to access the course.

IS ONLINE MATH FOR YOU?

Online math classes are exciting new offerings at College of the Canyons. These courses certainly seem appealing because they are more convenient than on-campus classes, especially for those who have busy schedules. You will probably spend at least fifteen hours per week on this course and even longer because of the nature of online courses and dealing with technology. You will have online homework that needs to be completed daily after watching online videos. You will also have online tests, online discussion assignments, as well as on-campus exams.

I will be available to address any questions you have, and you will also have access to the tutors in TLC and other tutors by phone. However, please keep in mind that hybrid classes also have disadvantages.
Since we do not meet face-to-face on a weekly basis, students find it easier to procrastinate, quickly fall behind in completing course material and even feel isolated or disconnected from the instructor and class peers.

Successful online students are self-motivated, independent, and organized learners. In determining whether this course will meet your academic needs, please consider your individual learning style and the teaching method that best matches your learning style. Be honest and realistic. If you need daily face-to-face contact with the instructor or tend to procrastinate, then a hybrid course may not be the best learning environment for you.

To see if a hybrid math class is suitable for you, please visit

http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning

and click on “Student Support” followed by “Readiness Assessments.”

This class meets every Thursday, either online or on-campus. On-campus meetings are for testing only (4 exams and a final exam). All online meetings are live lectures taught by me using CCCConfer that summarize and reinforce the material covered during the prior week. You will have an opportunity to hear me, watch the screen live as I solve problems, actively participate, and ask questions. Additionally, all online lectures get recorded and links get provided in Canvas for you to re-watch at a later time if you choose to do so. Attendance is mandatory. If you cannot attend class each week, have to arrive late or leave early due to another commitment, please consider enrolling in a different section that is better suited for your needs. Missed work will be scored as zero and cannot be made up.

For all face-to-face meetings a valid identification (driver’s license, student ID, passport, etc.) will be required, or you will not be allowed to take the tests. The on-campus test days are: September 14th, October 5th, October 26th, November 16th, and December 7th (Final Exam). Please mark your calendars, so you won’t miss those days as make-up tests will not be allowed.

We will be using MyMathLab, CCCConfer, and Canvas course management system for this course. Additional information will be discussed during the mandatory on-campus Orientation on Thursday, August 24th, at 5pm, in HSLH-305.

The Student Learning Outcome for Math 070 is:

• Solve radical, quadratic, logarithmic, and exponential equations.

If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact me at: ana.palmer@canyons.edu. I look forward to a great semester with you all!

Dr. Ana Palmer