Welcome to my online course!

Welcome to My online course. **My name is Dr Anna Koshy**, (you can address me as **Dr.Koshy**) and I am your Professor in this course. In addition to welcoming you to the course, I would like to give you some helpful information and a few hints for successful completion of this course.

Glad to inform you all that all my courses are is participating in **Save Cost-Text book ++ mode** by **first day Inclusive Access-publishers ancillaries directly or through HCC Book store. So reduced cost of the Ebook and ancillaries are available to the students, online with a low cost method. So please read and follow the steps in the attached info- attached to the Start module- instructions on Course First day Access information.**

For many of you, this is your first experience with an online course. Even if you are an expert at it, remember that online courses provide a different way to study and require a few different skills from you as the student.

You will find that, as an online learner, self-motivation and discipline are paramount. This means that you are completely responsible for establishing and maintaining a regular study system. In addition, some students anticipate that online courses will be easier than face-to-face courses. From my experience, mostly students say…..they are NOT. You will be responsible for the same course materials and the same standards of excellence that are required in the face-to-face courses. While the E-learning team and I will provide you with support during the course, **you should be aware of the self-discipline required to successfully complete this course.**

You will have access to the course site by semester start. Classes start on that date as well. It is important to get started right away and to maintain the pace outlined in your course materials. Also, you must keep current with the schedule. **My experience with online study is that getting started, keeping on schedule by organizing your time managements, are most important to successful completion.**

Review the course instructions- Announcements, your Course Syllabus. See the rules and requirements for this course for the required materials needed such as the E-book/ Text Books/ w/ancillaries needed to do the course as well as **tools needed/mandatory requirements for taking quizzes and exams LDB w/Web Cam-(lockdown browser w/web cam) ,** computer programs to be used, and more. You must go over your Canvas course pages- Start Here- Module- Step by step, Modules, Announcements, Syllabus, Assignments if any from time to time, and Cisco Web ex site, Conference site, My Media, Media Gallery, and more if professor gives any special extra lectures & tips, Discussions, and more++. They provide important information about the course. **Look on the left side of your canvas home page- See the strands/ribbons- to click to view the above mentioned pages. Stay safe.**

Regards

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