



Reboot Your Class by Teaching with Presence and Compassion

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NISOD Webinar

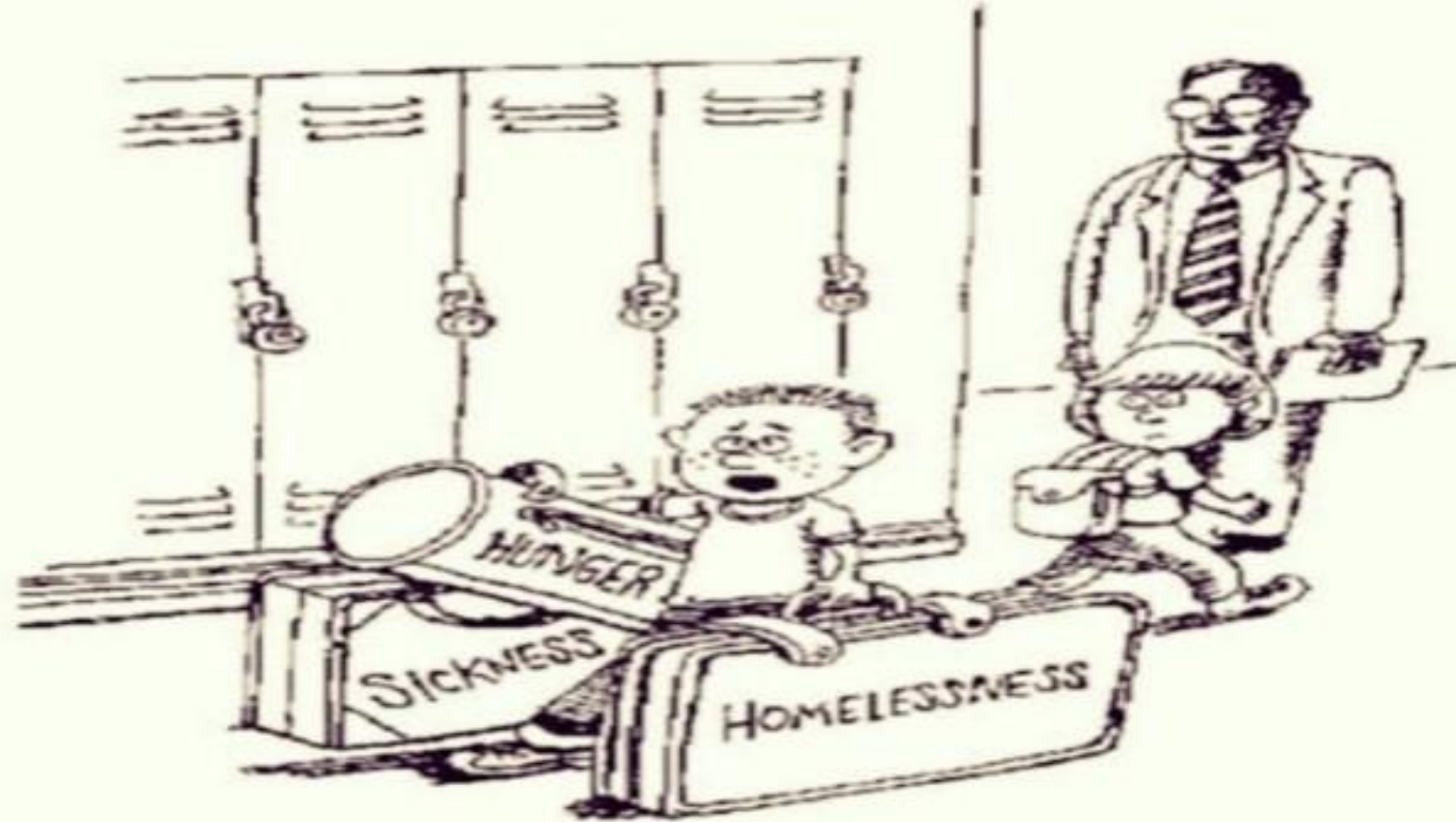
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Covid-19/Omicron Variant Teaching

- Surprised
- Overwhelmed
- Adjusting to the new norm – students online

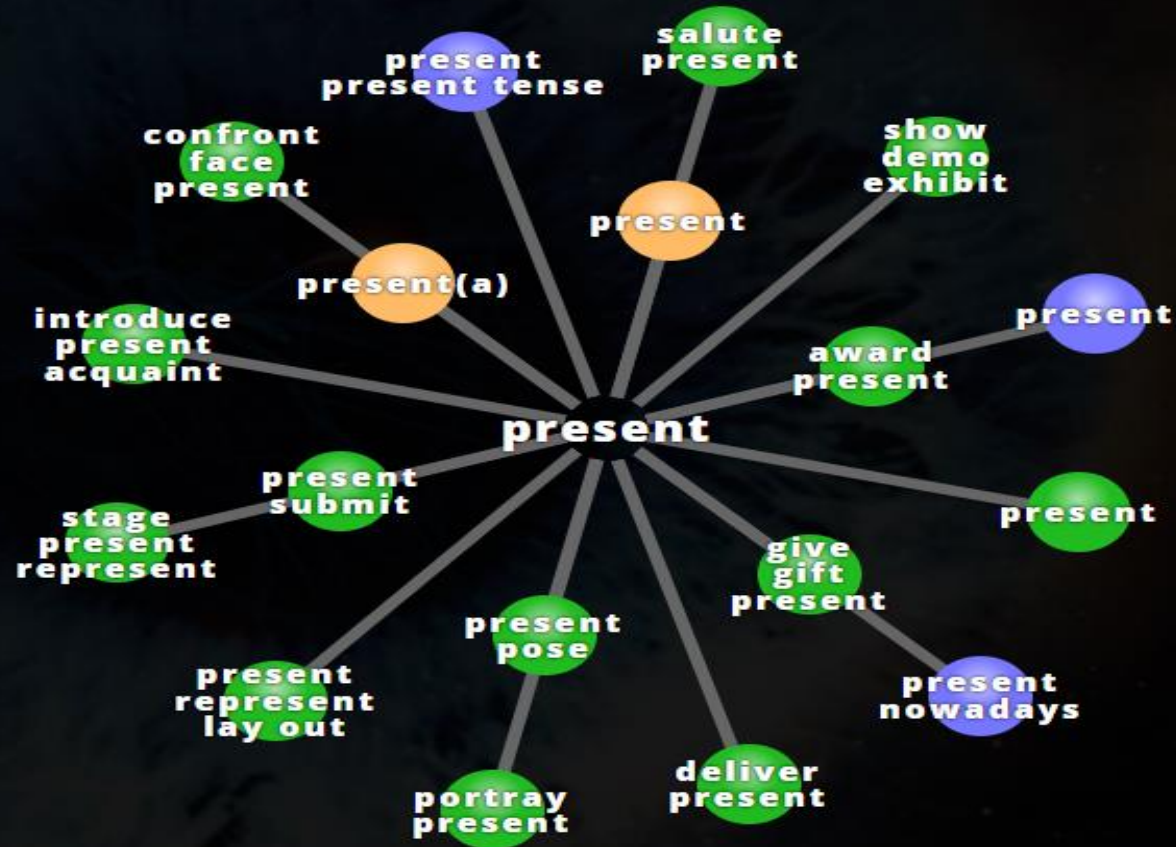


**“Could someone help me with these?
I’m late for math class.”**



Our Agenda

- Revisit the meaning of presence and compassion
- Discover seven ways faculty can show presence and compassion in online classes
- Commit to use, adopt, or modify one of the strategies presented in today's Webinar





Welcome Letter



Howdy Success Students!

Note: To send this e-mail, I used the e-mail you listed on file. Once you are officially enrolled in the class, I will use your Blinn e-mail and eCampus e-mail.

Welcome to EDUC 1300, Learning Frameworks. My name is Professor Childers, and I have over 30 years of teaching experience. I have been teaching at Blinn College since 2007. I am excited to work with you this semester to help you become a more successful student. Please read the attached Syllabus before coming to class. **I will resend this e-mail again on January 18, 2021, to reach new students enrolled in the Course.**

Your Course will open **Friday, January 15, at 5 am** for you to complete The Student eCampus Orientation Course. The Certificate of completion is not **due in the Dropbox until Friday, January 22**. Do not delay. Class officially will begin on Tuesday, October 19, and other course folders will open.

All course content is presented online via Blinn College eCampus Learning Management System, eCampus. Complete your eCampus Orientation as soon as possible, and you will be off to a great start! Now, if you have already completed your eCampus Orientation, upload your Certificate in the Dropbox. You do not have to complete the eCampus Orientation twice.

EDUC 1300 **is not** a correspondence course where assignments are completed on your own time/pace; there are deadlines for all assignments. I have attached the Syllabus, and you will find the Course Schedule and Calendar in the Orientation folder.

Let's get started.

1. First, log in to eCampus to make sure your login works. You can directly access eCampus using this link: <https://ecampusd21.blinn.edu/d21/home>. Your eCampus login information is as follows:

New Students:


Announcement Page



News ▾

[Welcome to EDUC 1300 - Learning Frameworks](#) ▾

Posted Jan 10, 2021 9:12 PM



Welcome Students!

Whether you are new or returning, I am glad that you have chosen to share the semester with me. When you click on "Course," you will see announcements for the course. Please check this section and your e-mail daily to stay connected with the class.


All student's content, assignments, and activities are found on the Content page (see the bar below).

[Course](#) | [Content](#) | [Dropbox](#) | [Progress](#) ▾ | [Resources](#) ▾ | [Tools](#) ▾

To get started in the course, click on "Content" in the dark blue navigation bar. Then, look to the left and click on the folder, "Orientation - Start Here." Read the Orientation Information. Read the Syllabus. Print out the Course Schedule. Click on

Blinn Bookstore ▾

Updates ▾



Role Switch ▾

Current Role

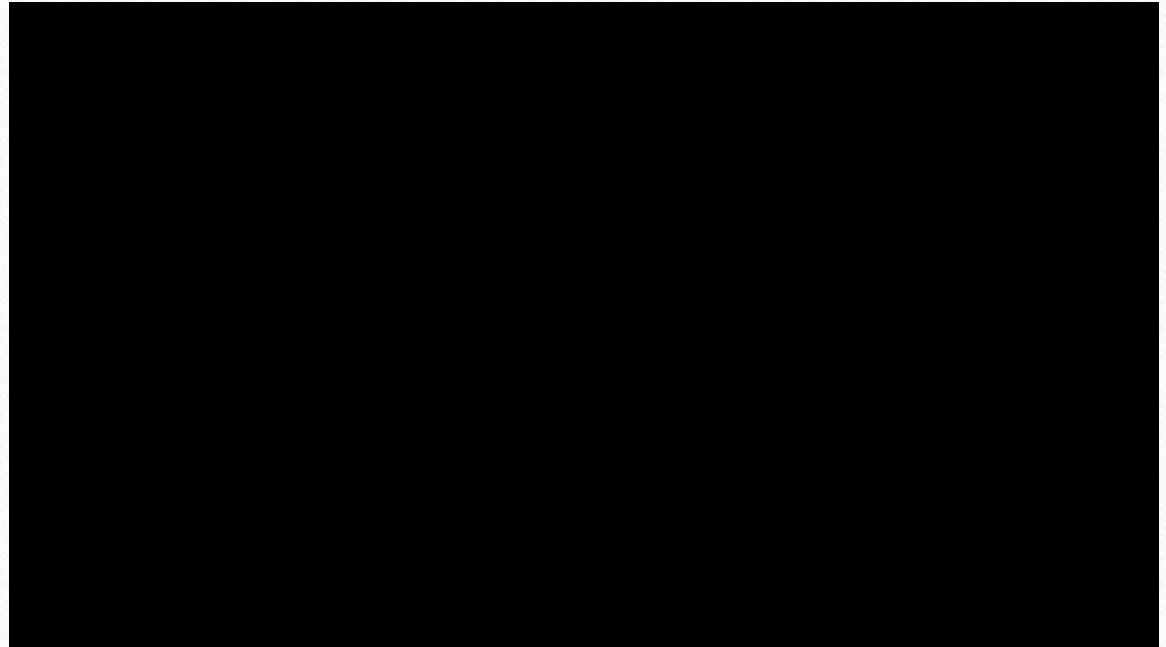
-- My Role (Instructor) -- ▾

Change Role

Meet Professor Childers

Don't be a robot! Show your human side! Create a Welcome Video.

The video can also be used with your face-2-face classes.



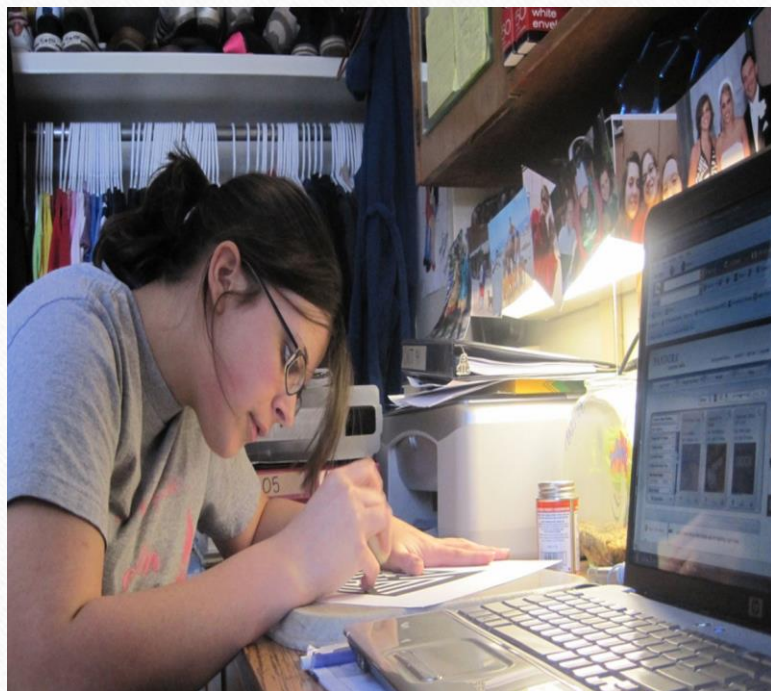
First-Aid Success Kit



Resources



Student – First Aid Success Kit



Blinn College BRYAN-CAMPUS RESOURCES

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Academic Advising

Academic advisors can help identify academic goals and put you on a pathway for goal achievement. To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor by campus: <https://www.blinn.edu/academic-advising/hours.html> 979-209-7250 3125 S. Texas Ave Suite 1900 Bryan 77805

Academic Calendar

To access the Academic Calendar, go to the Blinn College Home Page (www.blinn.edu). Click A-Z and Academic Calendar (<https://www.blinn.edu/calendar/index.php>).

Academic Transcript

You can request an official transcript online (instructions): <https://www.blinn.edu/admissions/transcripts/official-transcripts.html> or in person by visiting the campus Enrollment Services Department.

Admissions/Enrollment

Students needing to change their major, AP Credits, Final High School Transcripts, and frequently used admission documents/forms can find information: <https://www.blinn.edu/admissions/index.html> admissions@blinn.edu 979-830-4800 3125 S. Texas Ave Suite 1900 Bryan 77805

BIT (Behavioral Intervention Team)

Promotes the health, safety, and academic success of the Blinn community members. Members can reach out to the Behavioral Intervention Team if they are concerned with a behavior that may require intervention for students, faculty, and staff: <https://www.blinn.edu/behavioral-intervention-team/reporting-form.HTML> bit@blinn.edu

Blinn Alert

Students can set-up their rapid communication response system that alerts students of emergency or weather-related events. Set up Blinn Alert: <https://www.blinn.edu/alert/index.html#alert>

Meet Your Students



Discussion Post – A View From My Window

Here is an example of a student's post, "[A View From My Window](#) (used by permission)." This was the first discussion post.

My students loved seeing and hearing from their classmates.

Open Chats



Include Wellness Checks



Syllabus Statement – Wellness Check

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient

food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is urged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable her to provide any resources that she may possess.

Monday Motivational Videos



Post short motivational videos at the beginning of the week to connect students to the content.



Be Flexible



Life happens. Students are wearing many hats.



7 Strategies

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Be kind.
Remember you only see
a few pages of someone's story at a
time. Many pages came before and many
more will come after.



WE ARE
TEACHERS

Benefits – Note From a Student

I am grading the assignment "Passport To Success" from one of my education students enrolled in my Learning Frameworks class. I was so surprised and humbled by her comments below. #iloveteaching

I did not think college professors would be so caring about their students' successes or even want to help us. I used rate my professor online to pick who I wanted as a teacher. Many of the reviews of Professor Childers stood out to me; she was very focused on her student's success and made it known she was here to help. I have never had someone **reply to an email of mine** as fast as she does. She offers **weekly zoom calls during office hours** and gives us projects or assignments that have helped me succeed further in her class and as a college student. Seeing the amount of hope and faith she has in us is what makes me want to be successful not only in her class but in the real world. I believe that Professor Childers is one of the reasons I will succeed in this college life. with all the assignments and zoom calls and quizzes

K. R. Blinn College Student

**I'VE LEARNED THAT
PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU SAID,
PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU DID, BUT
PEOPLE WILL NEVER
FORGET HOW YOU
MADE THEM FEEL.**

-Maya Angelou



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