Web-based courses offer students the flexibility to obtain their education on their timetable. Instructional materials, readings, assignments, and in some cases, class discussions may be accessed whether students are at home, at work, on the road, or on vacation. Online courses require the same commitment of time as our on-site courses. Due to their unique method of delivery, these courses require maturity, self-motivation, and self-discipline to complete them successfully. It is mandatory that you review the course websites as well as the following website prior to enrolling: http://online.ccccd.edu.

Telecourses and live interactive courses are credit courses offered through instructional television and video. They may be viewed on Comcast cable television, Channel 39 (Plano and Richardson only), Channel 71 (Frisco and The Colony), or Channel 76 (Allen and McKinney). CCCCD is currently working on expanding our cable coverage. During the live televised courses, students may call the instructor with questions via telephone. Students may also videotape the course for home viewing at a later date. Videotaped copies of these courses can be viewed at the Spring Creek Campus Media Services Office.

Some telecourse videotapes are available for limited viewing in the LRC. Enrolled students may purchase authorized copies of current telecourses from the SCC bookstore. Students are required to attend a mandatory on-campus orientation session for each telecourse they have registered for.

Video checkout courses are non-classroom, video-supported courses utilizing texts, study guides, and video materials. All students enrolled in video checkout courses are required to attend an orientation session for each video checkout course in which they are enrolled. Videotapes will be available for checkout in the LRC after the orientation session meets. Students may checkout the videos for the entire semester.

LIBRARIES

The libraries offer reference, interlibrary loan, library instruction, and circulation services to students, faculty, and community members. Books, periodicals, books on audiotape, videos, CDs, and other materials are available for study and recreation. The libraries also provide a variety of CD-ROM computer databases, as well as World Wide Web access. Library orientations and bibliographic instruction may be scheduled for classes in order to familiarize students with the services and materials available to them.

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Media Technology Services provides audio/visual equipment and software to classrooms throughout the district. This office also supports distance learning courses. For further information, visit its website at www.ccccd.edu/mediaservices.

DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

The Digital Media Workshop, located at the Preston Ridge Campus LRC in room F116, is a facility where students, staff, and faculty create web pages, burn and duplicate CDs, scan and edit documents and images, produce Flash animations, record audio files, author PowerPoint presentations, and much more.

A Multimedia Assistant is scheduled 20 hours a week to provide technical advice and training.

SERVICE-LEARNING

The Service-Learning program is the recipient of the 2000 Collaboration Award from Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges. A founding member of the Texas Campus Compact, the Service-Learning program in collaboration with Learning Communities was jointly awarded the 2001 Bellwether Award.

Service-Learning seeks to engage individuals in organized activities that combine both community based service and academic learning. This unique experience strengthens academic, social, and practical skills, creates a sense of civic responsibility, and fosters a richer, deeper sense of connection to the community. Service-Learning:

- is based on a reciprocal relationship in which the service reinforces and strengthens the learning, and the learning reinforces and strengthens the service.
- is integrated into the student's academic curriculum.
- provides students with opportunities to use newly acquired skills and knowledge in real-life situations.
- can be listed as "experience" on resume and college transfer applications.
- helps students to clarify or to discover their career path.

Service-Learning enhances what is taught in the classroom by extending student learning beyond the classroom; however, it is not giving credit for service, it is giving credit for learning.