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Dear Math 818 Students,

Welcome to our online Math adventure in Health Sciences!

You are receiving this because you have signed up for Math 818, Math for Health Sciences. This course begins on August 25 with an online orientation. The official end for the course is on December 16, but this course could be completed in 8 weeks (or sooner): there are 4 major topics and each can be completed in about 2 weeks time.

The course site that you will be using is WebAccess. Point your browsers to <http://smccd.mrooms.net>. Log on with your G-number and use your 6-digit birth date as the password (unless you changed your default password). There will be lessons that will lead you through the topics and you will be taking quizzes.

It is also recommended that you use the my.smccd.edu email assigned to you when you first registered. You can get this information from <https://websmart.smccd.edu/> under the "Student" tab. This email is directly linked to the WebAccess account so you can receive class announcements.

There will be an announcement about an upcoming orientation on Tuesday, August 25, 2011, 4:10-5:30pm. This orientation will be online and you will need a computer with speakers or a computer along with a telephone. This orientation will cover an overview about this course and how to navigate through WebAccess. If you have read through the syllabus and have experience with WebAccess, then you may not need to attend the orientation.

Cañada College has many services for students such as the

- Counseling Center  
(<http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/counselingcenter.html>)
- Disability Resource Center  
(<http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/disabledservices.html>)
- The Learning Center  
(<http://www.canadacollege.net/student/lrngctr/index.html>)

For other resources, go to <http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/index.html>.

So, are you ready for an online course? Here are a few websites to check yourself:

- Cerro Coso: <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/studentervices/heather/quizaccess.htm>
- Palomar: <http://www.palomar.edu/areyouready/>

Basically, if you have reliable access to the internet, are self-motivated, and can devote a good amount of time for this class, then this may be for you.

If you have any questions, the best way to contact me is via email: [rlapuz2@my.smccd.edu](mailto:rlapuz2@my.smccd.edu). I should be able to respond to you within 24 hours during the week and possible 48 hours over the weekend and holidays.

See you at the Online Orientation.

Ray Lapuz