

- **What You Can Expect from Me:**

- Who I Am:

- First generation student (both parents do not have a 4-year degree).
 - My education at DCCC and WCU.
 - My teaching philosophy:
 - Intense, highly driven perfectionist. If you are not one too, extra hard work is required to achieve my expectation of high level of scholarship.
 - As your instructor, my purpose is to enable you to learn math *yourself*.

- I Will Meet You Halfway:

- I will do *my part* in helping you succeed in this course.
 - I cannot – and will not – carry you across the finish line. You must do that.
 - What does this mean for *your responsibilities*?

- **What I Can Expect from You:**

- Eliminate Your Roadblocks:

- You *must* figure out your: work schedule, ride situation, babysitting timetable, and all your other personal responsibilities.
 - I want you to complete these tasks *this week*.

- Attend Class:

- Absences may be submitted into the Connect2Success system and stored in your permanent academic record at DCCC.
 - If you cannot attend, email me before class to let me know.
 - If you are sick (COVID-19, flu, cold, etc.), do not come in for class. Email me.

- Positive Attitude:

- You must show *patience* and *perseverance*, although speed of calculation is key. Being **impatient**, **upset**, and **giving up** are major reasons students fail in math. Math and emotions don't mix. You can't think logically when emotionally rattled.
 - Put away your cell phone. It is a detriment to your learning.

- Study Time:

- I expect you will devote **1+ hours** each day at home working on MAT 025 homework. Do homework and tests *sequentially*.
 - You may have to reduce your work hours to give yourself more time to study.
 - I recommend enrolling in the number of courses you can handle each semester. Course load affects the amount of time you have available for study.

- **MyMathTest:**

- Textbook is not used in this course.
- You do need a *notebook* to write your assignments.
 - Pages must be bound to be a notebook; three-ring binder acceptable.
 - A pile of loose-leaf papers is **not** a notebook.
 - If you cannot afford a notebook, let me know in private.
- Outside of class, use any computer with internet access. Free internet access at:
 - Learning Commons of any DCCC branch location.
 - Do this if you do not have a computer.
 - Your local library and some stores like Starbucks or McDonald's.
- **No calculator** is to be used for any purpose.
 - Do not even use one to check an answer that you already completed manually.
 - I do not want to see a calculator out, and this includes your phone calculator.

- **Class Break:**

- In a **three-hour** class, we will all take a 15-minute break at the midway point.

- **Survey Feedback:**

- Complete the course survey that will be emailed to you at end of the semester.