Distance Education Compliance Information

Identification of Students: St. Cloud Technical & Community College does not charge any additional fees for the costs that may be directly incurred with the verification of student identity for students enrolled in distance education courses. However, students enrolled in distance education courses may be required to present a valid photo ID and have access to a computer with Internet access. This may result in direct costs to the student not imposed by College. Tuition and Fees

Password Protection: All courses with electronic content are password protected and each student enrolled in the course is given a unique username and password to the course. Users must not allow others who are not authorized to: use any account or password assigned by the system to anyone else; share any account or password, assigned to the user by the system, with any other individual, including family members; allow others to use system information technology under the user control. Use of Computers Policy

Student Privacy: In order to protect the privacy of students enrolled in distance education courses or programs, the faculty will not publicly post any grades or personal information for any student. Grades must be posted securely, visible only by each individual student, in his/her password-protected student grade book.

To further protect the privacy of students, all faculty must contact students using the secure communication system in the Learning Management System (LMS) or through College provided email accounts for both faculty and students. St. Cloud Technical & Community College currently licenses D2L Brightspace as the LMS. As with any other password protected email account, other individuals cannot access or view the message history. Privacy Policy

Reporting Enrollment: St. Cloud Technical & Community College reports accurate headcount enrollment on its annual Institutional Profile to NC-SARA and the Higher Learning Commission.

Accreditation: Distance education courses and programs at St. Cloud Technical & Community College are required to comply with the <u>Higher Learning Commission</u> Principles of Accreditation. <u>SCTCC Accreditation</u>.

