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A Note from Mark Cobb - Associate Dean of Student Success and Retention

American Sentinel Provides Support When You Need It

As an online student, there are times when you may feel all alone in your studies. After all, completing coursework from your living room is very different than sitting alongside fellow students with your professor at the front of the classroom.

At American Sentinel University our priority is ensuring you never feel alone. We offer comprehensive and extensive student services to support you throughout the entirety of your academic journey. Have questions? We have answers, and we've pledged to our students that we will, to the best of our ability, respond to all student requests within 24 hours.

American Sentinel offers the academic tools and student services you require for success as you progress with your studies, your career and beyond.

Here's a closer look at the resources available to you through American Sentinel:

- Student Advising Every American Sentinel student is assigned a
personal student academic advisor whose only job is to support you throughout your American Sentinel experience. Not only will your academic advisor guide you through enrollment and course selection, he or she will also provide academic support once you begin your course work. Students can also take advantage of live, online-chatting with advisors Monday through Friday between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. MST.

- Course Planning Students interested in planning out their courses for the entire year can work one-on-one with their advisor to determine the best educational path.
- 24/7 Virtual Librarian Service American Sentinel University may be an online school, but our world-class library resources rival those of any brick and mortar institution. A remote team of real librarians offers American Sentinel students research assistance – around the clock. Our librarians provide research guides that teach students how to access commercial databases containing academic and peer-reviewed journals.

### University News

**Upcoming Curriculum Changes**

In April of 2011, BSN 436 - Developing Nursing Practice, will replace BSN 435 - Health Assessment, in the Bachelor of Science Nursing Program. The updated course emphasizes critical thinking strategies consistent with the Institute of Medicine’s Core Competencies for Safe and Effective Practice. Nursing Leadership and Management A and B are now separate courses: BSN 415 - Nursing Management Strategies and BSN 420 - Strategic Change and Quality Improvement.

**American Sentinel will no longer offer these degree programs in 2011**

- Associate of Computer Science
- Associate of Information Systems
- Associate of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science, Web Design and Development
- Bachelor of Science, Technology Management

All students currently enrolled in these programs will be allowed to complete them in their entirety.

**New Virtual Online Bookstore**


The new bookstore link can be accessed in the "Textbooks, etc." menu and under the "MyCourses" button in Moodle. Additionally, the link is on the student website under the booklist link. It will be a valuable resource for American Sentinel students!

**Wear Your American Sentinel Spirit!**
In the coming months, American Sentinel University will launch a collegiate apparel and merchandise line through Ecampus. Show your school passion with fashion!

**Current registration deadlines**

Registration is open for courses beginning in February, March and April! Check the [course catalogue](#) to find out which classes you can take in the next three terms to complete your degree.

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**Policy Changes**

**Clarification on Examinations**

Students must request their final exams from the professor prior to the end of week 7 of the course. Exams must be completed and returned for grading no later than seven days following the official end of the course.

If a student requests an "incomplete," he or she must request the final exam prior to the last day of the course. Completed final exams must be uploaded to the submission area prior to the last day of their extended course.

All in-class (non-proctored) final exams must be completed by the final day of class unless an incomplete grade has been approved.

**BSN Policy Changes**

All new BSN students, as of Jan 1, 2011, without an undergraduate degree from a U.S. or Canadian university are now required to take COM 412 as part of the BSN degree program.

**RN to MSN Program Policy Changes**

All new RN to MSN students, as of Jan 1, 2011, without an undergraduate degree from a U.S. or Canadian university are now required to take COM 412 as part of the RN to MSN degree program. Students with undergraduate degrees from U.S. or Canadian universities are exempt from this requirement.

**What Else is Happening at American Sentinel?**

5/11/2011
Next Military Webinar: “How the Post-9/11 GI Bill (and others) can help finance your education” on January 26

What do the new provisions to the Post-9/11 GI Bill mean for you – and your education? American Sentinel’s next career planning webinar will cover the new Post-9/11 GI Bill, and the changes that can alleviate out-of-pocket expenses and benefit family members. The webinar will also provide a review of other sources of financial aid available to service members. Register now.

Nurses: You Can Affect the Future of Nursing

How does the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) vision for the future affect you, as a practicing nurse, nurse manager, or nursing student? Find out in Dr. Catherine Garner’s new article series on the future of nursing.

Learn Something New Every Day – Visit Our Blog!

Have you checked out our blog lately? We’ve added several new articles on IT jobs, business trends, career tips, health care news and more. The blog will be updated weekly to provide you with the most relevant and up-to-date healthcare, business and IT career and industry information. So take a peek and make sure to check back often!

Check Out Our New IT Articles!

We’ve added many new IT and computer science articles in our blog, with many more to come, so check it out and check back often for all the hottest industry news, tips and career advice!

Improving the American Sentinel Brand

As we continue to examine and improve our brand, the university just completed focus groups on new logo concepts. It is also in the final stages of the overall brand position and tag line.

Job Tip of the Month - What is the best way to disclose professional weaknesses when asked during an interview?

Rather than going into detail about your weaknesses, describe a situation you handled incorrectly, or could have managed differently, and explain what you learned as an outcome. Always convey your intention to improve or resolve any weakness you’ve shared, including the details of your strategy. For example, in addition to admitting you sometimes fall behind on your workload; detail the steps you’re taking to increase your productivity. For instance, explain how you’re using your computer or mobile device to record and track your goals, tasks and deadlines.

When employers ask, “What are your weaknesses?” they understand no one is perfect. They’re evaluating your self-awareness and your ability and desire to improve. So, be prepared to reveal at least one weakness and use it to demonstrate effective problem-solving skills.
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