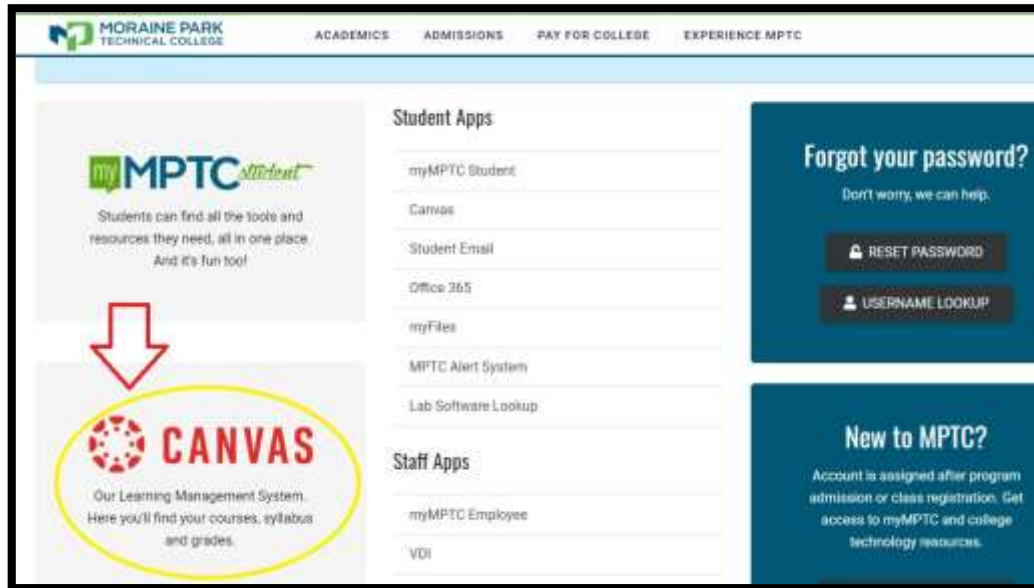# Canvas: Online Learning "Must Knows"

Most classes, online or in-person, use **Canvas**, the College's online learning management system. You need to log into Canvas to access course content, complete assignments and activities, and interact with your instructor and classmates.

Accessing Canvas:

Canvas is accessed through myMPTC student or at the web login page – as seen below.

You have access to your online course materials up to seven (7) days prior to the start date. If you see "Yes" under published, you have access.

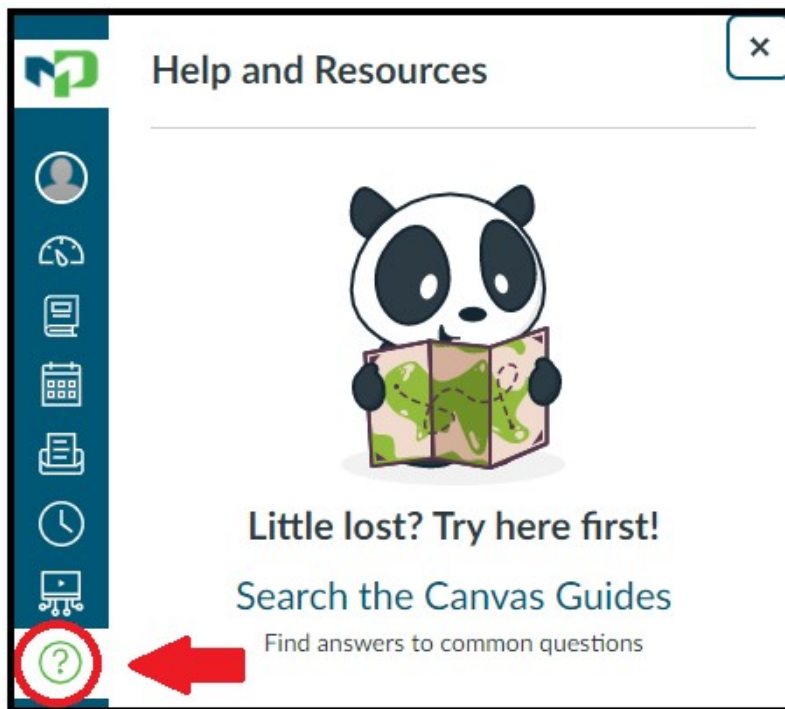

Technical Requirements:

- A computer. While Canvas can be accessed on mobile devices, it is difficult to write papers, read the materials, and submit homework.

- Reliable high-speed internet. Canvas runs on Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, or any other device. The latest versions of Firefox, Chrome, and Safari are better. **Internet Explorer/Edge DOES NOT work well with Canvas!**

Course Expectations:

- Online courses are not self-paced; expect due dates for assignments, participation in online discussions and more.

- Some courses have a SYNCHRONOUS component. That means there are scheduled live-class sessions that you must attend virtually. Verify this on your course schedule.

- Spend as much time working on assignments as you would with for a traditional in-person class.Additionally, your instructor expects you to participate regularly in group discussions.

- Log in to your class multiple times per week to contribute to discussions, work on and turn in assignments, or contact your instructor.

- Textbook or course material requirements vary by course.

- The instructor is your first point of contact and your most important resource. Watch for communication from your instructor that come through Canvas or your student email.

Canvas Help and Resources:

New to online learning or Canvas? Learn to navigate and the various functions with Canvas tour under the Help and Resources link.

Troubleshooting:

To access Canvas, you must have your myMPTC account set up. For help with your myMPTC account, contact Enrollment Services at 1-800-472-4554.

When logging into Canvas, if you get an "authentication" error - contact lms@morainepark.edu.

Technical issues once in Canvas - contact **Canvas Help Desk** at (855) 790-8839 or via live chat.

Class Formats – What you can expect:

Online learning is everywhere, no matter what class format you select.

Online
Online Asynchronous (OLA)
- Learning takes place exclusively online without scheduled class sessions.
- Students are not required to meet at scheduled dates, times or physical locations.
- Students complete assessments and activities by scheduled deadlines.

Online Synchronous (OLS)
- Learning takes place exclusively online with scheduled live class sessions.
- Students are required to participate virtually at scheduled dates and times.

In-Person
In-Person (IP)
- Learning takes place at scheduled dates and times in a physical location.
- Faculty may instruct to multiple locations using video conferencing classrooms.

In-Person with Online Synchronous (IPS)
- Learning takes place at scheduled dates and times in a physical location with an online synchronous option for live class sessions.
- Faculty and students may be participating from different physical locations.

Blended (BLD)
- Learning takes place in a combination of scheduled in-person and online class sessions.