

Hillsborough Community College Boosts Student Engagement with GIDEON



“The platform is easy to use and navigate, packed with information and fascinating! Relevant infectious diseases concepts can be brought into any course.”

Shannon McHugh Moroney, PhD

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About HCC

- Hillsborough Community College (HCC) is the fifth-largest in Florida's State College System. It serves over 45,000 students annually.
- HCC boasts a vibrant student community and attracts learners from across the United States and around the globe.
- Shannon McHugh Moroney, PhD, has been a dedicated biological sciences instructor at HCC for over 20 years.

HCC continues to aim high

Dr. Moroney and other HCC faculty are committed to:

- Continually improve student engagement, enhance learning with expert content, and infuse creativity into their microbiology and public health courses.
- Achieve Florida's Quality Matters (QM) standards. This will highlight the high design quality of HCC's online courses.
- Leverage modern, interactive resources with global datasets that meet the needs of today's students.



The GIDEON Advantage

- Interactive tools to engage with expert-level data
- Easily design lesson plans, exercises, and more
- Bayesian-driven pathogen identification tool
- Dichotomous trees in a few clicks
- Data on 3,000+ pathogens: viruses, bacteria & more
- Global infectious disease database updated daily
- WCAG 2.0 compliant (web accessibility standard)

"I utilized GIDEON in my summer MCB2000 course and received excellent student feedback."

- Shannon Moroney, PhD

Students at Hillsborough Community College love using GIDEON!

"I think that GIDEON should be a staple in the research space for science courses."

"I had an enjoyable experience using GIDEON. The layout was fairly simple, and there is a lot of useful information."



"This is arguably the best platform that I have used for research and something that others should also be able to take an advantage of."

"I really enjoyed how easily accessible GIDEON was and how they formatted the website. GIDEON was simple and self-explanatory on how to navigate and search any questions about diseases, vaccinations, diagnosis, medication, disease outbreaks..."

"I liked how much information GIDEON had to offer. The website was very immersive and I found myself researching other diseases after I finished looking up the information for the one I chose...you could make so many different graphs and charts. I liked seeing the world outbreak map and looking at it through different years."

"I was blown away at how easy it was to toggle through the menus...the user interface is modern and up to date. Many other platforms like this are old in structure and hard to maneuver."

"GIDEON is a great platform for students to easily research diseases and other topics. It has so much information and makes the research process very easy."