

## **Terms of Service**

### **Standards for Participation**

The ACCJC online community has been created to encourage communication and networking among ACCJC-accredited institutions. Communications are intended to be supportive and serve as an information source. Entry-level questions are considered quite acceptable and encouraged, as are more complex and challenging areas of inquiry. We are seeking to create a "learning community."

Here are some helpful tips to help you get started:

Introduce yourself. If you are new, please tell us who you are in your first post (name, title, organization, URL), so we have a sense of the person behind the content.

Everyone's opinions are welcome, and every question deserves an answer.

Feel free to engage in a spirited discussion or disagree; however, avoid "flaming" or attacking individuals (members and non-members) and organizations. We ask that you refrain from using profane, obscene, intolerant, or abusive language, or from being rude or abusive towards other people. Everyone who posts is a person, not just a username.

Get permission before you forward. In the interests of maintaining a positive focus where people feel free to air issues they are worried about without fear of oversight by third parties, we want to remind you that postings are for members only. Messages on this Discussion Board are confidential. They are not to be forwarded to people who are not members without the permission of all contributors to the content of the message.

### **Community Standards**

You are responsible for the content of your messages, and you may be liable for negligent, knowing, or willful misconduct in the messages you post, as well as damages arising out of these actions.

Accordingly, please do not post, transmit or link to material that is libelous, illegal, defamatory, fraudulent, harmful, threatening, or material that violates the property rights or privacy of others.

Please refrain from posting unsolicited advertising, promotional materials, or any other forms of solicitation for profit. You are not allowed to spam or to offer for sale any goods, services, or promotional advertisements anywhere on the lists. We do, of course, welcome announcements of related events, tools, resources, etc., or recommendations based on your experiences.

To protect your privacy and the privacy of others, please exercise caution when posting any personally identifiable information (like phone numbers) for yourself or a third party.

Think before you click that link. ACCJC is not responsible for the transmission of any viruses or worms that you acquire by following a link and downloading an executable file from a list post.

Copyright laws do apply to the Web. Do not post any material that is protected by copyright unless you are the copyright holder or have the copyright holder's permission. However, you may make fair use of copyright material by quoting limited passages with a proper citation.

We do not edit messages before they are posted to the message boards. Please review your message before posting it to ensure that it makes sense to others.

No “shouting.” While they may be fun and exciting to write, messages in all caps are NOT FUN TO READ.

If your posts violate these Community Standards, we may, at our own discretion, remove or move the offending posts and take such action as we think appropriate, including, but not limited to: sending you a thoughtfully-worded reply post or email reminding you of our Community Standards, or suspending your posting privileges.

The following Terms of Service apply to your use of this Network. You are solely responsible for your conduct and your content on the Network and compliance with these terms. By registering with us or using or browsing this Network, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these terms. This Network is not directed to children younger than 13 and is offered only to users 13 years of age or older. Any person who provides their personal information through this Network represents that they are 13 years of age or older. By accepting these Terms of Service, you agree that you will not post, email or make available any content or use this Network:

- in a manner that infringes, violates or misappropriates any third party's intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights or contractual rights;
- in a manner that contains software viruses or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment;
- to engage in spamming, "chain letters," "pyramid schemes," advertisement of illegal or controlled products or services, or other advertising or marketing activities that violate these Terms of Service, any applicable laws, regulations or generally-accepted advertising industry guidelines;
- in a manner that is misleading, deceptive or fraudulent or otherwise illegal or promotes illegal activities, including engaging in phishing or otherwise obtaining financial or other personal information in a misleading manner or for fraudulent or misleading purposes;
- in a manner that is libelous or defamatory, or in a way that is otherwise threatening, abusive, violent, harassing, malicious or harmful to any person or entity, or invasive of another's privacy;
- in a manner that is harmful to minors in any way;
- in a manner that is hateful or discriminatory based on race, color, sex, religion, nationality, ethnic or national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, age or is otherwise objectionable;
- to impersonate any other person, falsely state or otherwise misrepresent your affiliation with any person or entity, or to obtain access to this Network without authorization;
- to interfere or attempt to interfere with the proper working of this Network, prevent others from using this Network, or attempt to disrupt or the normal flow of dialogue with an excessive number of messages (flooding attack) to this Network, or that otherwise negatively affects other persons' ability to use this Network;
- to use any manual or automated means, including agents, robots, scripts, or spiders, to access or manage any user's account or to monitor or copy this Network or the content contained therein;
- to facilitate the unlawful distribution of copyrighted content;
- in a manner that includes personal or identifying information about another person without that person's explicit consent;
- in a manner that employs misleading email or IP addresses, or forged headers or otherwise manipulated identifiers in order to disguise the origin of content transmitted through this Network or to users; and
- in a manner that constitutes or contains any form of advertising or solicitation if emailed to users who have requested not to be contacted about other services, products or commercial interests.

Additionally, you agree not to:

- "Stalk" or otherwise harass anyone;

- Collect, use or disclose data, including personal information, about other users without their consent or for unlawful purposes or in violation of applicable law or regulations;
- Request, solicit, or otherwise obtain access to usernames, passwords or other authentication credentials from any member of this Network or to proxy authentication credentials for any member of this Network for the purposes of automating logins to this Network;
- Post any content containing child pornography to this Network;
- Post any content that depicts or contains rape, extreme violence, murder, bestiality, incest, or other similar content;
- Post any content that constitutes pornography, contains nudity, or is adult in nature.
- Use automated means, including spiders, robots, crawlers, data mining tools, or the like to download data from this Network - except for Internet search engines (e.g. Google) and non-commercial public archives (e.g. archive.org) that comply with our robots.txt file, or "well-behaved" web services/RSS/Atom clients. We reserve the right to define what we mean by "well-behaved";
- Post irrelevant content, repeatedly post the same or similar content or otherwise impose an unreasonable or disproportionately large load on the Network's infrastructure;
- Attempt to gain unauthorized access to our computer systems or engage in any activity that disrupts, diminishes the quality of, interferes with the performance of, or impairs the functionality of, this Network;
- Use this Network as a generic file hosting service;
- Take any action that may undermine the feedback or ratings systems (such as displaying, importing or exporting feedback information off of this Network or for using it for purposes unrelated to this Network); and
- Develop, invoke, or utilize any code to disrupt, diminish the quality of, interfere with the performance of, or impair the functionality of this Network.

To provide notice of alleged copyright infringement on this Network, please see the [DMCA Notification Guidelines](#).

You agree not to authorize or encourage any third party to use this Network to facilitate any of the foregoing prohibited conduct. You also agree that these Network Terms of Service inure to the benefit of our service providers (including our Network platform provider) and that they may take action (including the removal of your content and disabling of your account) in order to maintain compliance with these Network Terms of Service. Technology and hosting for aspects of this Network are provided by this Network's online service provider. However, the Network Creator of this Network controls the content, membership and policy of this Network, including those pages served by such service provider on behalf of this Network. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, by participating on this Network you agree to indemnify and hold harmless such service provider on all matters related to your interaction with others using this Network and participation with this Network.