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The sudden shift to online classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic has created a problem for Rowan Core. Students need to take **Public Speaking** to complete their Rowan Core Communicative Literacy requirement, but this course is not available online. Moreover, the Department of Communication Studies is opposed to developing an online version of **Public Speaking** for pedagogical reasons. Thus, students have no way to complete this requirement in Summer 2020, when all Rowan courses will be offered online—which could lead to a delay in graduation. This is likely to be a problem in future semesters as well: either if Rowan is forced to extend the shutdown of its campuses; or if certain students are forced by personal circumstances to take only online courses. This resolution enacts both a permanent and a short-term solution to the above problem.

A new, online **Digital Presentations** course will be created. This course will be added to all program guides as an alternative to **Public Speaking**. So, the current Communicative Literacy requirement:

College Comp I + College Comp II + Public Speaking
will be replaced with the following:

College Comp I + College Comp II + (Public Speaking or Digital Presentations)

Because it will take time to develop the new **Digital Presentations** course, a short-term solution covering the next few semesters is needed. The course that is already available online and that best fulfills the Rowan Core role of

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- Students taking Interpersonal Communication during this semester will satisfy the Rowan Core Public Speaking requirement.
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