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We are halfway through the semester and there are times when I am very overwhelmed. I know if I manage my time well, and stay ahead of schedule, I can get it all done. Microbiology and the Lab are very interesting to me, but they also require quite a bit of work. A lot of my time is taken by the Gen Ed classes that I have to take, but have no relation to my desired major. My grades seem to be up and down in this course, and I am trying to determine why I am not being consistent. I take good notes and have missed very few classes. I know I should go to office hours, but I have not been able to get there. I will try to work that into my schedule going forward, but I can't say for sure whether I will be successful. This course is especially important because it is a science course, and I am trying to get into the Dental Hygiene program. Science is, of course, a major component of that major. Unfortunately, the science department in my high school was underfunded and not well staffed for most of my time there. They had one fabulous science teacher, Joshua Patriquin, but of course I didn't have him for all the science classes I took. The school was a Pre-K through 8 school until I was in the 7th grade, and they then added the high school. So my time in high school was very much a building up time for the school and specifically for the science department. Not making excuses, because I know I can work harder here, but I do lack the foundation for a strong science education. I will keep at it, put more time in and work at getting my grade up. I really do enjoy the class and feel the instruction is well done!