Hello Everyone and Welcome to Counseling 110, Career- Life Planning!

My name is KerryFaythe Brown, Academic Counselor/ Counseling Education & Sign Language Professor, and you are about to enter a fantastic journey into the, “Twilight Zone” .......oh well- ok, maybe not there exactly, but the Journey of your own personal and professional development of a Career Pathway that fits who you are and where you’re potentially going!

This is an online class for FALL 2015, Section 17750. We do not meet in person at all and yes, it is a 16 week course. I will be connecting with you online on and off throughout each week, checking in with you, and assisting you in the class process. Also, I will share with you some of my own Career Experiences which will hopefully evoke deeper thought related to the design of your OWN personal Career pathway!

The ultimate goal of this course is to prepare you as an individual and to invest in yourself by understanding, assessing, and mindfully establishing a plan of action.

After completing this course, you should be able to:

1. Explain how your personal Assessments such as values, skills, interests, life roles and personality, relate to your effective career and life decisions.

2. Utilize specific job search techniques.

3. Analyze trends and issues in the changing workplace.

4. Explore and apply career development information through the use of technology.

5. Analyze occupational decision-making models and implement a specific model for a career choice.

6. Explain how specific job acquisition skills can be utilized to obtain employment.

7. Develop short and long-term goals.

8. Demonstrate successful collaborative workplace and group setting behaviors through classroom exercises.

10. Analyze personal career advancement opportunities.

And now, in order to take this class, you must have access to a computer, internet services and e-mail. All communications are done through e-mail, chat rooms or the discussion board; you will be required to log into Blackboard various times throughout the week in order to complete each assignment. You can access COC Blackboard through:

http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Distance_Learning/Blackboard_login.html

You will be required to login by the third day of class, 10:00 pm. Failure to login by the time listed will result in being dropped from the course. I highly recommend that you take a look at the online tutorials provided by the COC Blackboard website to better familiarize yourself with Blackboard 9:

Once you log in, you should change your password to something unique that you will remember. Your password does not reset to “student” each semester. Distance education is not for everyone, please exam your personal learning style preference. You should be self-motivated, independent, enjoy spending time on the computer, have the ability to articulate your voice in written language and have the time required to complete the class. Are you ready for distance education? If you do not know, please take the following distance learning self-assessments: How prepared are you for distance learning? In addition, determine your technology know-how quizzes at:

http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/Assessments.asp

TEXT BOOK: Please see the book below. I will be provide all materials and power points for you. Also, there are no quizzes only a Fill-in Final!

Textbook: Title: The Career Fitness Program

If you have any questions, please email me in advance and I will contact you within 48 hours.

I’m looking forward to working with you all in class. See you all in, “The Twilight Zone”; oh ok, “The Career Zone!”

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