Dear Student,

Hello and Welcome to Counseling 120, Transfer Planning!

You have registered for my online class. My name is KerryFaythe Brown, Academic Counselor/Counseling Education 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 Transfer Plan that fits who you are and where you’re potentially going!

The ultimate goals of this course are to prepare you as an individual to invest in yourself by understanding and mindfully establishing a Plan of Action!
After completing this course, you should be able to:

1. Evaluate potential transfer options using critical thinking and decision-making skills.
2. Compare and contrast the UC/CSU and independent college systems basic function, structure and requirements.
3. Compare and contrast the general education & major course requirements for a specific transfer goal.

And now, in order to take this class, you must have access to a computer, internet services and email. All communications are done through Blackboard! You will be required to log into Blackboard various times throughout the week in order to complete each assignment. The best browsers to use for Blackboard is either Safari, or Chrome! You can access COC Blackboard through:

http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Distance Learning/Blackboard login.html

You will be required to Log In by January 5th, by 11:00 PM. Remember, this is a 5 Week course and it is a faced paced experience! Failure to Log In by this date and time will result in being dropped from the course. You will be expected to log onto the Blackboard site at least every other day! I will be posting announcements, assignments, discussion items, and some quizzes that you will be expected to participate in each week.
Keep in mind that all quizzes, assignments, and discussions, must be completed by the posted due dates. No late work will be accepted! Also, 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 take a look at your personal learning style preference. You should be self-motivated, independent worker, know how to navigate your computer, have the ability to articulate your voice in written form, and have the time required to complete the work for this online course!

Now, are you ready? If you’re still not sure, take the following Distance Learning Self-Assessments:

http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/Assessments.asp
If you have any questions, please email me in advance and I will do my best to contact you within 48 hours.

I’m looking forward to working with you in class. See you all in the “The Twilight Zone”….oh- ok, “The Transfer Zone!”

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