

H.S. diploma program adds courses

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Due to recent changes in its curriculum, the Adult High School Diploma program at Clackamas Community College is now offering more high school credit-earning opportunities.

Course outlines for the program have also been rewritten to break down all courses into half-components, or credits, making it easier for students to complete coursework.

Educational Services Support Unit (ESSU) Instructor Carol Evans explained the addition of credit courses to the program reflects the new standards that have been made in the graduation requirements for all state high schools. This term is the first that the half-credit system and the new courses, titled Written Composition, U.S. History, Global Studies, Government, and Personal Finance and Economics have been offered to students.

In regards to the breaking down of courses into half-



LEARNING IN PROGRESS--ESSU instructor Carol Evans, left, works with student Linda Humfeld in Barlow Learning Center.
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credits, Evans said this system allows for a "more reasonable amount of work to complete at one time."

Before this system was established, Evans said that classes demanded a lot of coursework to be finished for one credit over a 10-11 week period. For example, a student taking one high school credit hour of math had to complete work beginning with whole numbers and ending with geometry and algebra.

A math course is now broken into three one-half

credit sessions, with each half credit focusing on certain areas of math. Students completing all three sessions will receive 1 1/2 credits for the course, instead of the previous one credit.

Evans said the half-credit system gives students more credit for their work, as well as breaking up the work into easier segments that in the long run improves their chances of success in completing it.

In existence since 1977, the Adult High School Diploma

program is designed to offer an alternative to those who for various reasons have not received a high school diploma. Graduation requirements for the diploma are based on the state guidelines of 21 high school credits. Evans said the program's outline is different from a GED (General Educational Development) certificate's outline in that it's more "credit and competency-based, rather than test-based."

"The neat thing about the high school program is it's a flexible program that not only allows students to earn credits through traditional coursework, but through their (work/life) experience and skills," she said.

Evans, who acts as an advisor in setting up course schedules for students in the program, explained that students who can demonstrate learned skills can receive high school credit. Official high school transcripts showing any completed courses can also

count as credit, and students can take College courses as either electives or requirements to count toward their diploma. Credit can also be obtained by examination, according to the adult high school program's brochure.

Approximately 50 students, more than half of which are between the ages of 16 and 20 are involved in the high school diploma program at this time.

Students earning high school diplomas through the program are considered graduates of the College and are allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. Each year, approximately 24 students from this program graduate from the College.

The program is located in the Barlow Learning Center on the second floor of Barlow Hall, and it is currently tuition-free for taking high school credit courses. There is a cost, however, for any College courses taken as electives or requirements for a high school diploma.

Resort stays, cruise highlight ELC Auction

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Buying a four-hour drive in a limousine or a three-day, two-night stay at Sunriver or at the Oregon Coast may not sound like the usual items one would bid for at an auction.

However, these and other items will be up for grabs at Auction '85, which will take place March 16 at the Oregon City Senior Center. The auction begins at 7 p.m. and the proceeds will go to support projects at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) located on the Clackamas Community College campus.

The auction is an annual event for the ELC and is being organized by Nan Hage-Herrmann, assistant director of the center.

"We like to think of it as a party affair," she said in regards to the auction, which has been billed as not just any ordinary auction. She explained that since the event falls on the night before St. Patrick's Day, this would be used as a party theme.

Entertainment will be provided by two musical groups, one of them the group

Souvenir, and there will be food and drink in the form of a Northwest Indian style salmon bake, hors d'oeuvres and wine. Len Zakula will be the official auctioneer, and tickets will cost \$8 a person if purchased by the 15th; they will cost \$10 at the door. Hage-Herrmann said she encourages everyone to bring their friends to the auction. "I look at them (auctions) as not only a fundraiser, but as a nice enjoyable evening together. It's a real enjoyable time," she said. Hage-Herrmann added that the event allows people who are not familiar with the ELC to become acquainted with the center's facilities.

Other items to be auctioned off include dinner for four at the fireside table of Cheerio's, a West Linn restaurant, a one-day cruise on a 42-foot boat at Sauvies Island, a horse-and-carriage ride around historic Oregon City and a VIP tour of the Washington Park Zoo.

A 1985 longbed Toyota truck, a three-day, two-night stay at the Salishan Lodge on the coast, stays in a house and condominium at Sunriver, two houses at the coast in

Rockaway and Oysterville and a personal portrait done by Clackamas Community College Art Instructor Leland John will also be offered at the auction.

Hage-Herrmann said there will be a number of odds and ends present at the auction as well, such as ceramics, paintings, wooden and garden items, a queen-size quilt and various certificates for different services from local merchants.

Approximately \$13,000 worth of items have been donated for the auction, but Hage-Herrmann said she is expecting more items to be delivered. She said the ELC will accept items up until two days before the auction. Hage-Herrmann added that items to be donated must be new, almost new or antique. "We look for new items or things that are antiques," she said. Most of the proceeds from the auction will go to support the ELC's Birds of Prey Exhibit and fish rearing facility. Organizers of the auction involved both College Board of Directors members and ELC staff. Posters for the auction were designed by student Dan

Schaefer.

Anyone who may have items to donate to the auction should talk with either Hage-

Herrmann at ext. 351 or McQuaid at ext. 288. Tickets for the auction can also be priced up at the ELC or else through McQuaid at the library.



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