

Digital Media premieres at CCC

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106, 107, 108, beginning, intermediate and advanced.

Are these courses transferable?

Yes, 17 credits on the focus area. It depends on different institutions regarding on what they accept. But the quality of these classes will give you all the necessary skills you need.

Will the classes continue to be at the same schedule as they are now?

That shifts all the time, and because DMC involves so many different departments, it depends on instructors schedules, but generally it stays the same way.

What's something different or special about this program?

It's how the world is becoming; digital multimedia communications sort of encompasses this huge amount of knowledge that's so important right now. This program brings in all of these different departments together, which is often very difficult in an educational environment to actually have departments such as journalism, art, music technology, actually communicating with each other and sharing students back and forth and sharing projects back and forth. Lots of other programs that are similar to this one are still kind of closed off from each other, but this is one really breaking boundaries between departments, and that can only help the students, because it makes it easier for the students to move back and forth and decide what they really want.

Do people need to be computer wizards to be in the classes?

No way. In fact, often times I'll have students come into my 225 or 226 classes, digital graphics or

Graphic Design courses, and they really don't know computers. I teach on Mac operating systems, and lots of people don't know Macs or computers at all, but by the end of the quarter they're making great stuff. Students who are good at computers help out other students, so it's not just me, but also students helping out students.

Are there internships available?

I am not aware of a formalized internship program, but there's a bunch of resources. I think each instructor in their area of expertise has connections with industries and professionals in the outside world. They come and talk to students, and I also get students out into the world doing internships with these people.

So I am not aware, but there could be some formalized internships in the school that I'm just not aware of. But I do know that each instructor has their own sort of professional connections, and they do their best to get students out. And I've had students out doing freelance and internships, and some are getting paid.

So what type of job could you do after you're done with the program?

It depends on your focus. If music technology is what you like, the Northwest is full of recording studios; lots of people start their own business. You could also do broadcast journalism, and intern for the news. You could work in traditional journalism. Work for LAIKA in the animation field, and animations shops. Freelance graphic design, or web design. It's just all over the place.

Any final words?

DMC program empowers the stu-



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Nevin Halvorsen, a 3rd term broadcast journalism student, edits a video story for Clackamas News Online (CNO).

dents to get what they really want to get, and the fact that it prepares for right now, for what's going on right now.

The connections that the instructors have to the professional world are valuable; we're actually professionals in the field and we're really involved in this. We give valuable knowledge that's not dated in any way; it's really taking place right now.

Thank you very much for taking the time to talk to me, I really appreciate it.

You're welcome.

elves come when life seems most challenging."

As stated in the interview, students will work with Mac computers in various projects, but don't worry if you've never used a Mac, instructors and students will help you with what you need. Don't forget to check out the DMC lab is in McLoughlin 125.

Most of the credits from these classes are transferable, plus, if you take the required math classes and speech, you could receive the very desirable, Oregon Transfer degree. You should always remember to check with the four year university on any specific requirements.

Not interested in a career in Digital Media? That's ok, you can still take some classes and they will count towards your Oregon Transfer degree as electives, and learn various skills that will not only be fun, but might just help you out in the nearby future.

If you have questions or need more information, go to the website, www.clackamas.edu/dmc, or call or email Andy Mingo at 503-657-6958 ext. #2803 andym@clackamas.edu

STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE the required courses obtain a certificate. What is a certificate? A certificate proves that you've had the training for a specific job. Technology is already with us, and the future is here.

Some of the DMC classes could be challenging, but the challenge only makes you stronger. Remember that just because something is challenging, it doesn't mean it's not fun; as the American philosopher Joseph Campbell once said: "Opportunities to find deeper powers within our-

Military-friendly Clackamas to hold grand opening for Vet Center

By Abigail Neet
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has done its homework.

Driskell admits that Clackamas's stance on veterans' affairs inadvertently affected her decision to enroll at CCC.

Jeff Davis, an academic advisor in the Community Center and veteran, is experienced with helping vets.

Davis reported dealing with vets on a daily basis and believes he was chosen to be the designated vet adviser because of his own military background.

A work study position is also opening up to work with Davis and vets who come in seeking resources.

The work study job is not the only option for those interested in helping vets. A full-time classified position for a veterans coordinator recently opened up.

According to Janet Paulson, market/media specialist, funding for the position comes from a \$381,000 federal appropriations grant the college was awarded to improve resources and tools for veterans going back to school.

A portion of the funding will also

go towards marketing efforts, some of which will be used for radio ads to get the word out to vets.

The grant will also be used for a "big event" in November 2010 when National Guard troops return from their tour.

CCC also received a \$100,000 grant from the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Wal-Mart Foundation. Clackamas was one of 20 schools, out of 250 applications, to receive the ACE grant to serve veterans.

CCC provides many resources to vets on campus, including the vet center which has computers intended for vet use and even a book exchange with its fair share of romance novels.

Not only does the college have a safety zone for vets, but also plenty of educated staff to help anyone wondering where they might go to find Clackamas County Veterans Office, which Davis explained is right next to Danielson's.

The Vet Center is quiet, and Davis admits to hoping things will pick up.

Currently non-vets are not allowed in the center and Davis does not see that changing as the idea is to have a safe place exclusively for vets.

Driskell feels differently about the center being exclusive and thinks it would be cool if a group of three or so could come in, as long as they had a vet sponsor and were not disturbing anyone.

"There's a fair amount of group projects and it's too noisy other places," Driskell said. "The cafeteria is too loud and there are too many people running around."



PAULSON

Clackamas Community College places in the top 15 percent schools nationwide for being a military friendly school according to Jobs magazine.

The award is based on a poll by the magazine of 7,000 nations to recognize schools going above the bar effort.

It's fairly obvious that CCC is on that list.

More than likely, most students seen some advertisement for a veterans related event or resource on the walls of the buildings.

Clackamas has its very own Veterans Club.

Clackamas also recently opened a new "Veteran's Center" on Main Hall's first floor. The center is having its official grand opening on Nov. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m., where Joanne Truesdell will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Clackamas Veteran Morgan Driskell is one of two people found in the center early last Tuesday, and admitted, it was her first time in the center, a place she only had a hazy idea of because she heard a lot of complaining about not being allowed into the Vet Center. Driskell admitted, "Now that I'm here, I will come back at least once a week."

She is also very aware of the college's pro-veteran stance and the difference when she was asked questions and was surprised to find CCC's staff actually had answers, in comparison to other colleges' needing time to do research to find the answer. CCC

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