Syllabus
Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC)
HMS 277- Strategies for Engaging Youth in Innovative Learning and Thinking
Summer 2018

Strategies for Engaging Youth in Innovative Learning and Thinking (Strategies) is a 3-credit blended and accelerated course, part face-to-face (f2f) and part online) with specific learning objectives. In order to meet the 45-hour course requirements, you will be expected to:

• attend 7 hours of f2f class time on Wednesday, July 17, 9am-5pm
• attend 7 hours of f2f class time on Wednesday, July 31, 9am-5pm
• attend 7 hours of f2f class time on Wednesday, August 14, 9am-5pm
• complete 24 hours of online study assignments including a final assignment due 5pm, Monday, Aug 19

Course Description
Focuses on fostering students’ personal creativity and innovation to apply theory to professional work with youth both in school and in after-school programs. Incorporates theoretical content with strategies for application in an experiential setting and covers creative competencies, personal visioning, creative collaboration, creative problem solving, whole brain theory, and exploration of general creativity theory. Part of Career Studies Certificate in Youth Development.

Pre-requisite: HMS 170.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend all f2f class dates, register for a future class.

Course Objectives
Students will be able to:
• Explore with self-confidence and competency, research-based strategies that lead to innovation including visioning, collaboration, and creative problem solving.
• Explain the role of intuition and its relationship to innovation.
• Conduct and evaluate current research that demonstrates the link between personal passion, visioning, use of collaboration, and creative problem solving as a means of achieving innovation in youth development settings.
• Craft a personal vision statement and use as a living document to improve quality of life and fulfill purpose.
• Employ collaborative inquiry and implementation of steps of creative problem solving.
• Synthesize research based strategies and develop an innovative solution to an existing complex problem affecting positive youth development outcomes.

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Weight of Grades
50% - class attendance and participation
30% - online study assignments
10% - reflection paper
10% - final exam

Grading Scale
90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
60-69 D
Other Information

- Tuition fee of $480.60 is due by **July 1** by cash, check or money order made payable to Alternatives, Inc. OR:
  
  Go to www.altinc.org. Click on “training” at top bar. Choose “college credit courses.” Choose HMS 277 and click on “add to cart.” Then click on “check out” and you will see 2 choices to enter your information before you click on “submit”:
  
  - PayPal check out (use if you already have a PayPal account)
  - Check out (without a PayPal account)

- **If you are a current TNCC student, you can enroll and pay for this class through the school.**

- If you are not currently registered as a student at TNCC or taken a class there in the past 2 years, the school requests that you **complete an application online before class begins to get your student ID#.** To do so, go to [www.tncc.edu](http://www.tncc.edu). Scroll down and click on apply now. Then choose “new user”. Make sure you chose “for credit” in your application. Completing this application does **not** enroll you for the course. You will need your student ID# to enroll for the course when you are sent a form prior to the start of class.

- This course will be held off campus at Alternatives, Inc. 359 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651.

- Method of instruction includes independent research (Internet access needed) and some lecture and experiential participation during actual face-to-face class time.

- Late work/Make up/Missed Test must be completed by date determined by instructor.

- In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please let me know if you have a disability by the tuition due date so appropriate accommodations can be provided. Students may notify me via e-mail or submit the Thomas Nelson Disability Support Services Accommodation Request Form. Check website at [www.tncc.edu](http://www.tncc.edu) for more information on Disability Support Services.

- **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY is to comply with policies in the Student Handbook**  
  <http://tncc.edu/documents/studenthandbook.pdf>  to include but not limited to: Code of Ethics & Dress Code; Student Behavior Policy and Procedure; Student Code of Conduct; and Scholastic Honesty. Additionally, take note of Policies and Regulations - Contagious Disease Procedure; Repeated Course Policy, Respect for Copyrights, Including Software or Digital Media, and Disabled Student Services.

- TNCC has adopted Early Alert, a referral system to support student success of educational pursuits. Faculty and staff use the system to alert and refer students to appropriate campus services for assistance. Students may receive a follow up call as a result of being referred. Participation is optional, but students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the services offered. Additional Early Alert information can be obtained by calling 825-3549.

- For a transcript: Go online to [www.tncc.edu](http://www.tncc.edu) and print out a form, sign it, and fax to the college. Or write a letter of request for the transcript, include your student ID#, and fax to 825-2763, attention Registrar’s Office. There is NO FEE for the transcript. (This may take up to 10 business days. Call 825-3689 to inquire about the status of your request.)