

Next Chapter Kansas City is a community collaborative developing opportunities for persons 50 and over as they explore options for work, service, and learning in life's next chapter.

**“Getting Started in Education”
An *Encore KC!* Course
July 5 – August 30, 2011**

“Getting Started in Education” is an *Encore KC!* Course for persons who are exploring their interest in the field of education. Participants will be able to take the course at their own pace, but will also have the opportunity to discuss various topics with other students through online forums and face-to-face meet up events.

The course is offered by Next Chapter Kansas City in cooperation with the Continuing Education Department at Kansas City Kansas Community College. While it is appropriate for persons of any age, it was developed with 'experienced professionals' in mind (persons age 50 and older considering a second or Encore career).

“Getting Started in Education” provides a comprehensive overview of the field of education, including settings inside and outside of the traditional classroom. It offers a comprehensive overview of the many professions available with helpful information for individuals to determine their next best steps (additional study, training, employment, etc.). This course covers basic knowledge, resources, opportunities and requirements in the education field, several forums for students to share information and resources with each other, and interactive tools to communicate with the course instructor.

The class will include the following:

- Four lessons which should take about one hour each to initially complete, and archived for viewing at any time during the course.
- A resource center with self-assessment tools, downloadable documents, multimedia, links to organizations, and resources related to the education career pathway, as well as learning and employment opportunities.
- Moderated on-line forums and discussion groups. The Education pathway course will have a moderated forum where current and past course participants can post questions, ideas, resources, and feedback.
- Live "meet up" events for participants to engage in face-to-face discussion and networking.

To register, go to www.kckcc.edu and select Continuing Education, then Summer 2011 Schedule. The class is listed under Career Programs/Career Exploration and also Club 45. Registration can also be taken over the phone with credit card payment or in person at the Community Education Building at the college, 7250 State, KCK.

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