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I was inspired to start my project when I realized that the percentage of online courses at Cuyamaca College has been increasing in the last decade and there was an increasing need for distance learning for transfer students. Therefore, I have decided to create an online class specifically for transfer students. While on sabbatical, I created the Counseling 150 Transfer Success course through Canvas, as well as updated the online e-text book, “Transfer Success.”

I realized that the published e-text book for the course could not be accessed for free because of the publication rights. Thankfully, I was able to work with the publishing company and Rhonda Bauerlein to merge the online course and the e-text book for the Counseling 150 course so that students can seamlessly access both while taking the online version of the course.

It was a challenging process since this was my first time creating an online course but by meeting regularly with Rhonda Bauerlein, I was able to make sure that I was on the right track. I completed the Regular and Effective Contact online training and learned how to move forward through Curriculum to get approval for the online course so that it can be taught in the fall 2019 semester.

In the last few years, Counseling 150 Transfer Success has only been offered to small groups of students in the Pathways program and it was not offered to the general student population because of low enrollment, i.e., there was a lack of marketing. I hope that having this course in an online version will attract high school students who are interested in coming to Cuyamaca and transferring to a four year college. This would definitely enhance Counseling discipline and give more opportunities to students.

I believe this course contributes to the educational goal of the Counseling department, as well as our college's goals, since transfer is at the forefront of the college's and district's goals. However, just having this course is not enough. There has to be elaborate marketing to spread the word to current and prospective students about the existence of this course and how beneficial it is for any student who is interested in transferring to a four year university.

You may access my work via Canvas.