Cedar Crest College
FNA 255 Portfolio Preparation 1 credit

Fall 2008
8:30a – 9:15a Thursdays in TCC room 329
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Course Description and Objectives:

This course will focus on the development of performing arts cover letters, resumes and portfolios. It is designed for junior and senior performing arts majors who have participated in departmental productions. Students will compile and assemble any and all creative process and product work and materials into a presentable format using professional guidelines as standards for acceptability. Students must proactively participate in assembling and arranging their work for presentation. The student will be physically creating a professional, performing arts style cover letter, resume and portfolio consisting of their own personal body of work.

Course Format:

1. Lecture / Demonstration: Instructors will provide examples of professional cover letters, resumes and portfolios for the purpose of establishing acceptable standards. Instructors will also provide demonstrations of relevant computer software necessary to manipulate images for presentational purposes.

2. Laboratory: TCC room 329 is a computer lab with software applicable to creating resumes and portfolios. This portion of the class will be spent experimenting and perfecting digital layout techniques and assembling the portfolio throughout the course.

Course Outcomes:

1. Students will demonstrate their understanding and competency in producing a professional style cover letter, resume and portfolio.
   Assessment: Students must demonstrate the ability to assimilate their own body of work into an appropriate format through discussion, peer comparison and critique.

2. Students will demonstrate their ability to assert themselves, proactively, in a creative process with technological obstacles.
   Assessment: Students must demonstrate the ability to master certain software in order to physically produce a tangible, professional portfolio that is an accurate representation of their own creative process and work.

Students will formally present their completed cover letters, resumes and portfolios during the last FNA 100: First Friday class meeting during the spring semester.

Grading:
25% Cover Letter
25% Resume
50% Portfolio Presentation / Interview