NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

COURSE TITLE: Advertising & Promotion

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course covers the basics of advertising and promotional activities for a small business. The student will examine advertising planning, budgeting, promotions, and publicity, along with advertising copy and layout. Advertising is the backbone of attracting customers. Successful business owners create an advertising blueprint or plan. Without a plan, advertising dollars can be wasted along with the opportunity to attract new customers and retain existing customers.

AUDIENCE: Small Business Owners & Managers

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S): N/A

PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: None

LENGTH OF COURSE: Semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year ☐  fall ☐  spring ☐  summer ☐  undetermined  X

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT:
   a. Identify available media
   b. Identify advertising components
   c. Define advertising
   d. Define developing an advertising campaign
   e. Define advertising campaign planning tactics
   f. Define advertising campaign planning strategies
   g. Define sales promotions and public relations campaigns
   h. Define special purpose advertising
   i. Define the advertising budgeting process
   j. Examine print, mass media, and direct mail advertising
2) THINKING SKILLS:
   a. Create advertising budget
   b. Create list of advertising and promotions
   c. Prepare media plans, creative strategies, budgets, and promotions
   d. Prepare written advertising and promotions campaign calendar

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS:
   a. Relate business promotions to the consumer

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY:
   a. Identify any ethnic market opportunities that are present

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

1) Media, products, services, planning, budgeting, and promotions.

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:

1) See above

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:
X Collaborative Learning   X Problem Solving
   Student Presentations   X Interactive Lectures
   Creative Projects   X Individual Coaching
   Lecture   Films/Videos/Slides
   Demonstrations   Other (describe below)
   Lab

ASSIGMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
X Reading   Tests   X Individual Projects
   Oral Presentations   X Worksheets   X Collaborative Projects
X Textbook Problems   X Papers   X Portfolio
   Group Problems   Term Paper
   Other (describe below)
   X Online discussions and chats

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: Complete advertising and promotions calendar

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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