Catalog Course Description: The development of a learning plan through knowledge of how to use the resources of higher education. Students also learn the theory and function of higher education in America, clarify individual values and educational goals, increase appreciation of strengths and worth as a learner, and create a portfolio of life and career accomplishments for submission to faculty evaluators for award of credit.

Textbook: There is no textbook for this course. Numerous resources will be made available to students through Blackboard.

Meeting Schedule: This course spans two terms: Winter II, 2014 and Spring, 2014. We will meet three times from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Meeting dates are January 17, 24, and 31. If you cannot attend these classes in their entirety, you should not sign up for EDU 280 at this time. The remaining weeks will include intensive time with the instructor via email, phone calls and 1:1 meetings.

Course Objectives:
- Write a one-page document outlining your life, career and education goals.
- Write a brief autobiography.
- Explore how your background and life experiences match various college-level courses at accredited colleges.
- Prepare a high quality, well-edited portfolio with documentation and evidence to support your learning experiences and competencies.

Grading: This course is Pass/No Pass.

Course Requirements: To pass this class, students must:
- Meet with your advisor to get updated worksheets completed. Please do this prior to the one-time class meeting, and bring two copies to class. You will submit one to me, and keep one for yourself.
- Attend each class session in its entirety.
- Complete assignments according to the timeline given in class.
- Write for at least two courses (six credits) during the first term.
- Produce well-edited documents for the portfolio.
- Complete the entire portfolio, including narratives and documentation, within two terms.
- Stay in regular contact with your instructor via your Doane email account.

Time Commitment: While this is a two credit hour course, your time commitment for independent writing far exceeds the typical two credit course. Please consider the time commitment carefully when registering for the course. Contact the instructor if you need more information.

All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind. – Martin H. Fischer
You learn something every day if you pay attention. – Ray LeBlond
Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand. – Chinese Proverb
If you hold a cat by the tail you will learn things you cannot learn any other way. – Mark Twain