

Collin College - Continuing Education COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Number: CWRI 9200

Course Title: Blueprinting Your Novel

Course Description: Once a novel is written many authors find themselves wondering what to do next. This class provides the “blueprint” on how to get Literary Agent representation and a book deal with a major publisher.

Suggested Course Prerequisite(s): Basics of Writing a Novel

Course Resources: N/A

Student Learning Outcomes: Using the tools learned in the Basics of Writing a Novel class, students will be instructed on how to get their manuscript prepared for presentation to a Literary Agent. Students will also be shown how to: identify Literary Agents that will represent their work; prepare a Query Letter; a formal Synopsis; and given a thorough breakdown of the Pitch Cycle (the steps that comprise getting a book deal with a major publishing house).

Certification Notes: N/A

Next course recommendation: Market and Promote Your Novel

Refund Policy: Please refer to www.collin.edu/ce/inforegistrar.html for our refund policy. No refunds after the start time of the first class.

Course Sessions: Listed are guidelines to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, assignments, and days.

Lesson Plan – by week or session: PowerPoint slides will be provided bi-weekly

Method of Evaluation: Unless otherwise stated, course completion is evaluated on the basis of attendance. Students must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to be considered a successful completer of the course. Students must be in attendance 90% of each course in a certificate series for successful completion and to earn a certificate as specified. Students must complete all courses (core and no. of elective courses needed) to complete a certificate series within two years from start date of the first course taken.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current Collin Student Handbook for additional information.

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