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Questions

What makes Critical Choices unique?

1. It is a personalized and interpersonal workforce transition curriculum;
2. It emphasizes the integration of critical thinking skills;
3. It is an online course with anytime, anywhere delivery;
4. It is a total package consisting of:
 - a. A computer basics and course orientation
 - b. The Critical Choices workforce transition course
 - c. A community resource center
 - d. A train-the-trainer component

What will be included the Critical Choices course?

The course will be comprised of individual chapters divided into 4 phases of instruction:

<p>Who am I? These chapters lay the groundwork to help you understand yourself.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Choices • Self-Assessment • Identifying Your Skills • Barriers to Change • Building Support
<p>Where am I going? These chapters help you learn about where you best fit in the world of work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find Useful Sources of Information • Problem Solving & Learning Styles • Develop a Career Goal • Generate Alternatives & Examine Forces
<p>How do I get there? These chapters help you plan how to achieve your job or career goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to a Plan of Action & Job Search Methods • Present Yourself to Potential Employers • Evaluate Job Offers
<p>How do I stay there? These chapters give tips for how to succeed in the job setting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Success & Advancement • Communication Skills & Networking • Financial Planning

Each chapter will contain:

1. An Introduction
2. Pre and Post Survey
3. New Information
4. Self Reflection
5. Application of Knowledge (Activity)
6. Integration with previous themes (Connecting)
7. Next steps

In addition, the program will include:

1. Resources (links to other sites)
2. Communication (chat, threads)
3. Take-aways (backpack/personal information)