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Mid-Plains Community College has a wide variety of for-credit and not-for-credit classes offered in Imperial this fall. Registration is now being accepted, as many classes begin soon.

The classes are offered in a variety of ways. Some may be taken online, some are offered at the Imperial campus's distance learning room, some are held at Chase County Schools, and others are held in other Imperial campus rooms.

A new class, "Advance Your Business," will be offered for the first time in Imperial. This course is targeted toward business owners or those aspiring to start a new venture.

Imperial Campus Coordinator Brenda Ledall said the class is an embellishment on the EDGE class offered to business owners awhile ago.

"Advance Your Business" allows people to write a business plan and see if the idea is feasible or not. It also allows business owners to update their business plans, Ledall said.

It has "several neat features," Ledall noted. One is that local business coach Janeece Woofter will be available for questions and help with homework assignments.

Another feature is that business plan templates are online, so a student doesn't have to recreate an outline, Ledall said. "It's all laid out for them and they can put in their own information and financial matters."

Melissa Garcia of Mid-Plains in North Platte said the course is two-fold. Level I begins Aug. 22 with two full-day workshops in North Platte. This is a feasibility study and a prerequisite for Level II, which will be taught in Imperial.

Level I costs \$50 and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT at the North Platte campus.

Level II begins Sept. 3 and will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. MT on Thursday evenings through Nov. 19 at the Imperial campus.

The cost is \$450, which includes all supplies. Garcia said at the completion of the class the student gets \$250 back as a reimbursement scholarship.

"This is the first time we're offering this in Imperial," Garcia said. "We've really enjoyed doing it" at two other locations.

Mid-Plains is offering eight dual credit classes at Chase County Schools. These classes are taught by Masters degree teachers to high school students. The classes give credit at both the high school and college level.

Ledall said classes include Children's Literature with Virginia Harford; College Algebra with Rex Heckenlively; Expository Writing I with Cathy Howard; Personal Finance, Bookkeeping for Business, Intro to Accounting and Integrated Informational Processing with Sandy O'Neil, and Human Anatomy and Physiology with Larry Munger.

"It's pretty awesome that we're expanding this aspect, because we have masters degree teachers at the school," Ledall said.

Other for-credit classes offered in Imperial are Microsoft Word, Child Development, EMT-Basic, Standard First Aid/CPR, Intermediate Accounting and QuickBooks.

Community Education classes include Stained Glass Design, Real Colors (a personality assessment), Whole Brain Parenting and Card Making.

As usual, there are many online classes also offered.

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