Course Title: Basics of Writing a Novel

Instructor: Brian W. Smith

Course web page: http://www.collin.edu/ce/courses/basics_writing_novel.html

Course Description: From the first spark of an idea to the final two words, "The End," writing a novel is a creative adventure. Learn how to enhance your ideas and develop your own fictional world with Brian W. Smith. Discussion will include characters development, outlining, editing, and more.

Suggested Course Prerequisite(s): N/A

Materials Needed:

1. Course Objectives: Using the tools learned in the Basics of Writing a Novel class, students will be coached through the short story creation process.
2. By the end of class, each student will have written and be prepared to self-publish a short story.
3. Students will be shown the steps to getting the short story they created in class on Amazon.com in Ebook format.

Instructor Bio:
Brian W. Smith is the award winning, best-selling author of fifteen novels. He’s owned a publishing company, and is currently signed to Simon and Schuster. His experience has enabled him to tutor dozens of young authors.

Certification Notes: N/A

Next course recommendation: Market and Promote Your Novel

Textbook(s): N/A

Course Sessions: listed are a guideline 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.

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.
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