Using Texas CARES Web-based Resources as an Online Classroom Instructional Tool

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Online Graduate Rehabilitation Counseling Program:
A Brief History
(www.ualr.edu/rc)
UALR’s
Online MRC Program

+ June, 2000 - The Rehabilitation Counseling program began, completely online, with 14 students

+ First completely online program in Arkansas.
UALR’s
Online MRC Program

+ 54-semester hours with LPC options
+ 50 states
+ 7 other countries
+ Largest Graduate Program on UALR campus
The UALR Online Rehabilitation Counseling Program Philosophy

The same content and skill training can and must be delivered in an online class as the student would receive in an on-campus class.

Skill Training Challenge: How to development Assessment & Occupational Exploration proficiencies online (no on-campus labs)?
Texas Cares Website

+ www.texascaresonline.com

+ FREE product of the Texas Workforce Commission/Labor Market and Career Information (TWC/LMCI)

+ Consumer Friendly

+ Free Personalized Occupational Reports
Texas Cares

+ Replaced OSCAR
+ www.ioscar.org/ar
+ Was available in Arkansas, Louisiana, & Texas
+ O*NET and Holland code based (R-I-A-S-E-C)
O*NET

+ www.onetonline.org

+ USA's primary source of occupational information

+ US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration
Texas Cares

- World of Work
  - Career Exploration from the Occupational Perspective

- World of Learning
  - Career Exploration from the Educational Perspective
Texas Cares – World of Work

- Five Buttons
  - Self Assessment
  - Skills Transferability (Best Match)
  - Exploring Work
  - Career Clusters
  - Occupation Info
Texas Cares – Self Assessment

- Work Importance Locator
- Work Values
- Interest Profiler
- R-I-A-S-E-C
Texas Cares – Skills Transferability (Best Match)

By Career

By Characteristics

How important that new job be similar to old jobs
Texas Cares – Exploring Work

+ Career Clusters
+ Training
+ Earnings
+ Growth Potential
+ 5 other variables
Texas Cares – World of Learning

- Five Buttons
  - High School Graduation Plan
  - Programs of Study
  - Exploring Education
  - College Majors
  - College Info
Texas Cares – Educational Uses

+ Gives students:
  + exposure to assessment instruments – Interest and Work Values appraisal
  + online practice in career exploration techniques
  + Experience working with databases
+ Did I mention that it’s FREE!
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Info on UALR MRC Program:
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Any Questions, Comments, Stories?