

Flagler's ACE program launches 3 free online courses

St. Augustine, Fla. - A silver lining to the "Safer at Home" policy is more free time to pursue an interest, hobby or professional development opportunity.

To help individuals get started, the Flagler College Adult and Continuing Education program recently launched three free online, self-paced courses available to the public. These courses are offered in cooperation with ACE program partner, MindEdge Learning.

"We are doing all we can to stay connected with our students and our community at large," Jorge Herrera, ACE program director said. "These three courses provide an opportunity to try out online learning risk free."

The first course, Introduction to Critical Thinking, is available now, and two more courses will be released in May and June. The ACE team chose the first course based on its broad appeal and universal application. Critical thinking may be the single-most valuable skill that one can bring to any job, profession or life challenge. It's an intellectual model for reasoning through issues to reach well-founded conclusions.

Personal Creativity will be released in May, and Creativity in Teams and Organizations follows in June.

All three courses will remain available through Aug. 31. In addition to this complimentary selection, more than 40 other online courses are available. Registration fees range from \$20 to \$129 per course and professionals with certificates or licenses can earn continuing education units, or CEUs.

To register for online courses, go to www.Flagler.edu/adulted/oasc or for more information, email continuingeducation@flagler.edu.

Additionally, you can contact Christine Rodenbaugh, administrative assistant for Adult & Continuing Education at crodenbaugh@flagler.edu or call 904-377-8358.

Flagler College is a small private, independent college located in St. Augustine, Fla. The college offers 34 majors, 41 minors, and a master's degree in Education of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Flagler College has an enrollment of about 2,500 students, as well as an offsite campus in Tallahassee, Fla. U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review regularly feature Flagler as a college that offers quality education at a relatively low cost. A Flagler education is less than half the cost of similar private colleges, and competitive with many state universities. A relatively young institution (founded in 1968), Flagler College is also noted for its historic beauty. The centerpiece of the campus is the former Hotel Ponce de Leon, a National Historic Landmark opened in 1888 by railroad pioneer and Standard Oil co-founder Henry M. Flagler. For more on Flagler College, visit www.flagler.edu