

# So You Want to Be in Broadcasting

## LCCC Career Exploration Podcasts

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Kristine:	<a href="#">00:05</a>	I just feel that when you're pursuing something you really want to pursue, it becomes more interesting. It's something that you look forward to going in and doing and if you're going to spend money to go to college, you should be doing what you want to do.
Nicole:	<a href="#">00:19</a>	Yeah.
Janet Maltbie:	<a href="#">00:20</a>	From the campus of Lorain County Community College, this is the career exploration podcast on LCCRadio.com the boom. I'm Janet Maltbie.
Student #1:	<a href="#">00:29</a>	I did sort of, you know, have that typical college dream of, Oh, I'm going to go off to a four year university straight out of high school. Well, you know, if you're undecided or if you can't afford it, community college I think is definitely one of the smartest and best available options.
Janet Maltbie:	<a href="#">00:44</a>	We explore careers, college majors, and more so you can be a success here on the LCCC campus and beyond. I'm a career counselor and I believe completing a degree, pursuing passionate work and debt free living is key to your future.
Student #2:	<a href="#">00:57</a>	LCCC is one of the greatest things that's happened. People say, Oh, you have to go these big universities and I have not had to pay a dime for college.
Janet Maltbie:	<a href="#">01:06</a>	Today in our program, we'll meet with Nicole and she plans to pursue a degree in broadcasting or communications and transfer to LCCC next semester. A few weeks ago, she and her mom, Kristine, came to campus to begin that journey.
Nicole:	<a href="#">01:19</a>	I chose LCCC because partly my mom came here and Firelands really didn't offer what I wanted. I had to switch my major because I don't have the money to go to a main campus. So I decided to come to LCCC because it had more of an open concept when it came to what I wanted to go into.
Janet Maltbie:	<a href="#">01:41</a>	What kind of concerns do you have as a parent?

Kristine: [01:44](#) Finances are a big concern. They were a concern when I went to college.

Nicole: [01:47](#) I'm even concern with it.

Kristine: [01:49](#) Yeah. First of all, I don't want her to be 80 to \$100,000 in debt. I really want her to do what she wants to do. And she's always had a passion for wanting to do something in the communications field and we want to foster that as parents.

Janet Maltbie: [02:04](#) But you don't want her to get deeply into debt.

Kristine: [02:07](#) Correct.

Janet Maltbie: [02:08](#) Like so many students are doing now. Nicole is interested in pursuing a degree in communications or broadcasting. Both she and her mom filled out financial aid forms, made an appointment to see an academic advisor and meet with communications professor, Dee Gross to find out more about the program.

Nicole: [02:27](#) I came here and a potential as a potential student. I met with Julie Ford, an academic advisor and she came down here and introduced me to Dee.

Janet Maltbie: [02:39](#) She walked you down here?

Nicole: [02:41](#) She walked me over. Yes.

Janet Maltbie: [02:42](#) Okay. All right. And so Dee was a person that you were able to meet with and you guys had a chat and you were able to pick not only the classes that you, you know, want, but the classes that you need that will actually help you determine whether or not broadcasting a good career. Is that right, Dee?

Dee Gross: [03:00](#) Absolutely. It was a, it was really a nice experience for me cause I don't always get to talk to the parent and the student. And, and I also liked hearing your experiences with other colleges and what you were looking for. And I could confidently say that, you know, LC is very hands on.

Janet Maltbie: [03:16](#) Professor Dee Gross is a veteran in the communications field who teaches many of the telecommunications classes here at LCCC. She explained to Nicole what differentiates LCCC from many four year college programs.

Dee Gross: [03:29](#) You know, we do what you need to do as far as transferability. But also we take a lot of pride in that we get students up and going in their major within the first semester of the first year. So when our students transfer, they don't transfer as freshmen as far as skill level. So a lot of times they go into four year colleges, you know, as juniors and they're leading the way. They're like say if you went into television production, you'd be a director. You'd have those skills to do it. You would, you know, transition seamlessly because you already know how to do that. Whereas a lot of the four year college students haven't gotten there yet because they don't touch the equipment, or get to perform in front of the camera their first year.

Janet Maltbie: [04:09](#) So Nicole met with her advisor, a professor and scheduled her classes, but she will still need to figure out how to pay for her tuition. If I may ask Nicole, how are you planning to finance your time here?

Nicole: [04:22](#) Loans, my mainly, I'm trying to explore other options which I'm hoping you will go over.

Janet Maltbie: [04:28](#) Okay.

Nicole: [04:29](#) Like grants, scholarships, that type of stuff.

Janet Maltbie: [04:33](#) In order to take the first step toward receiving financial aid on any community college students will need to fill out the free application for federal student aid known as the FAFSA . I'm sure that you've already learned about the FAFSA and filling that out. That's the very, very first step. The second thing is that I really would encourage you and anybody listening to this podcast to actually visit our financial aid office. Have you done that yet?

Nicole: [04:59](#) I have, yes.

Janet Maltbie: [05:00](#) And what was your experience with that?

Nicole: [05:01](#) They were really helpful and I've had a good experience with it.

Janet Maltbie: [05:06](#) Today, more and more students are taking student loans. According to the New York Federal Reserve since 2005 student loan debt has quadrupled to \$1.5 trillion dollars. I interviewed several LCCC students to find out the many ways students are graduating debt free.

Student #1: [05:23](#) This is actually my final semester. I've been here for two years and I'm getting my associates at the end of at the end of this semester.

Janet Maltbie: [05:34](#) Is that right? Yeah, the Associate of Arts degree, yes. Okay, and if I may ask, are you, did you take out loans for that?

Student #1: [05:41](#) I have not. I'm actually was fortunate enough to be granted the diversity incentive scholarship.

Student #3: [05:48](#) I'm going into the Navy currently. I'm actually about sign-on. I'm looking into communications with them. Beyond that, I'm just going to see where it leads me, but I know I do have interest in communications and podcasting, radio. That's something that I do know I enjoy.

Janet Maltbie: [06:05](#) You don't have any loans?

Student #2: [06:09](#) I have none.

Janet Maltbie: [06:10](#) So are you getting the Pell grant, are you getting some scholarships?

Student #2: [06:16](#) Yeah, Pell grants and then a little bit of scholarship money from from my work.

Janet Maltbie: [06:19](#) Okay, so you are working.

Student #2: [06:21](#) Yup.

Janet Maltbie: [06:22](#) And your place of employment is giving you some money to go to school?

Student #2: [06:25](#) Yes they are.

Janet Maltbie: [06:26](#) Okay. So you that covered year tuition that covered your books, what else did it cover?

New Speaker: [06:33](#) I mean it covered, you know, everything that I needed. I, you know, it got to the point where, you know, I would eventually get money back from the money I didn't use.

Janet Maltbie: [06:43](#) Those were students in Dee Gross' podcasting class. Some are graduating, some have yet to graduate. But like Nicole, they wanted to graduate without a lot of debt. Nicole's next step will be to choose classes that help her decide on a career direction. I asked Dee Gross the classes that would benefit her the most. So

Nicole is just going to be starting first semester. How did you advise her? What were the classes that you recommended that she takes per semester?

Dee Gross: [07:10](#) Well first I want to find out, you know, if you want to be in front of the camera behind the camera or what your, your knowledge is or if you want to kind of experience both. And I think you said you wanted more behind to begin with.

Nicole: [07:23](#) More behind to begin with. I wanted to get a full spectrum of it in case I don't, it doesn't work out that I like being in front of the camera.

Janet Maltbie: [07:32](#) So what are the actual classes?

Dee Gross: [07:33](#) Well, we have a lot of classes. We're just revamping to be honest. The TCOM program, we have like TCOM 177. We have editing, we have performance, we have introduction to production and field and studio. So it's taking different areas of the television production area and allowing people to concentrate on those areas each semester. Like one semester you're be behind the camera in a studio directing three camera productions. Another, you know, class you'll be out in the field and you'll be, you know, taking a camera and doing like ENG or electronic news gathering. Kinda like you were talking about when we talk, you know, in the field and shooting that and also you could host those and then you'll edit it. So you do whole news packages from beginning to end. And like I said, a lot of the skills that we offer the four year colleges don't get into until their junior senior year. And there you are your first semester, you know, touching the equipment, doing all this.

Nicole: [08:33](#) I'm very excited to come and experiment.

Janet Maltbie: [08:36](#) Okay, very good. Well we are excited to have you here.

Dee Gross: [08:40](#) I have enjoyed meeting Nicole and her mom so much. It has been just like a charge of electricity. Thanks for taking time to chat with me. It was fun.

Nicole: [08:51](#) It was fun.

Janet Maltbie: [08:51](#) We're not done yet.

Dee Gross: [08:52](#) I know.

Janet Maltbie: [08:53](#) Because you have a quote. Yes, you do.

Dee Gross: [08:55](#) Got to put on the glasses for this. This comes to me from one of my mentors in grad school back in the day and it was on her door and it was on then on my door for a lot of years here when I first started to teach here because it had an impact on me.

Dee Gross: [09:14](#) To laugh is to risk appearing a fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out to another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self. To place your ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk their loss. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To hope is to risk despair. To try is to risk failure, but risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, feel, change, grow or live. Chained by his servitude. He has a slave who has forfeited all freedom. Only a person who risks is free. The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change and the realist adjusts the sail.

Nicole: [10:18](#) Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements and impossibilities. It is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.

Janet Maltbie: [10:31](#) Nicole and Dee, thank you so much for speaking with me today. I wish you the best as you pursue your career and I welcome you again to LCCC. If you are interested in pursuing a career in broadcasting or communications, I invite you to make an appointment to see an academic advisor today by calling (440) 366-4033 you can also drop by the radio station and speak to any of our staff at boom radio. We are located across the main cafeteria on the main campus of the Lorain County Community College. Kristine, thank you so much also for sharing with us today. Nicole, are you ready to do the outro?

Nicole: [11:11](#) Thank you so much for having me here.

Janet Maltbie: [11:13](#) Okay.

Nicole: [11:14](#) This program has been brought to you by the generous support of Enrollment, Financial and Career services. Who reminds you, it is not too late or too early to begin your career journey at Lorain County Community College.

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I'm Janet Maltbie. Thanks for listening.