

On a Roll!



The Good, the Bad, AND the Ugly!

Meet Melissa Carroll, professor in the Office Systems Technology/Medical Information Technology Program at the Rowan Campus.

A native of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Melissa received a BA in Business Administration and a MA in Adult and Higher Education from Morehead State University. She began her teaching career at Maysville Community and Technical College (originally named Rowan Technical College) in 1994 in the Office Systems Technology and Medical Information Technology programs.

She has been married to Rick Carroll for twenty four years!

Melissa loves being a teacher. She hopes that her students “know that I have a genuine interest in their success. I want students to leave my classroom not only with the technical skills they need, but I want them to also leave with a desire for life-long learning.”

Check it Out!

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Question: “I searched for *The Scarlet Letter* on Google for criticisms and reviews about the book but I found things that have nothing to do with it! How do I determine what I can use for my paper and what I can’t?”

This is a typical question of a student searching the Web and who was getting frustrated with her search. What to do?

First, the Web is a tremendous resource of information, but you must be able to evaluate what you find and realize not every result will be appropriate to what you are looking for.

How do you evaluate a web site? There are several criteria you must keep in mind.

Authority. Who wrote the page? Who is the sponsor? Is the author an expert? What kind of contact information is provided? Look at the domain for a clue i.e.:

.edu, .com, .org, .net. This may indicate who is publishing the information or reliability of the source.

Accuracy. There are no editors on the Web to check for accuracy of information. It is possible to create fake references. Look for “links,” “additional sites,” or “related links” as evidence of credibility.

Currency. Is the web page dated? Is it current? Are there dead links? If a web page on terrorism is dated 2000, how current will the information be?

Objectivity. Is this web page someone’s biased opinion or objective information? Are both sides of the issue covered? Can claims be substantiated? Google this: “White Poison: The Horrors of Milk” and see what you think!

Train your eye to see the good, the bad, AND the ugly on the Web.

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