

You are invited to the "most happening" place in WI!

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I thought that might get your attention. In this particular newsletter I would like to share with you my thoughts regarding continuing education as a whole, and invite you to explore the following question; what is the difference between life-long learning and a fast and simple online requirement?

A shift has been taking place within our profession's education; both curriculum learning and continuing education. Several massage industry organizations came together in 2007 to create a Massage Therapy Body of Knowledge designed to explore the future of massage education, to include standards and competencies for the massage therapy educator. Since then they have accomplished quite a bit. My intention in this short article is not to dive into the details regarding their accomplishments, rather to explore the value of live-classroom learning.

Studies show our learning experience is deeper and longer lasting when we are engaged fully in the topic we are studying. Has our learning become like most everything else in our culture - fast, quick, and easy? Many discussions are taking place regarding the pros and cons of on-line vs. classroom learning. Part of me understands the advantage to online courses, and yet I have always been drawn and see more value with the traditional classroom environment; both as a student and teacher. When I speak of on-line learning, I am not referring to self-directed on line, I am referring to the quick and easy - pass the test and walk away with not much more

than a certificate of completion. Does passing a requirement fulfill professional and personal development? Hmmmm... requirement vs. development, transformation and growth; certainly something to ponder.

In the traditional classroom environment there is opportunity to create a network, build relationships with like-minded people, opportunity to ask questions, engage in group support, time for self-reflection, deepen and embody the material being offered, peer

mentoring and so much more. Often when I review participant's course feedback, some of the most effective advantages of the traditional classroom stated are; the opportunity to learn from others is invaluable, the ability to share and feel heard is both healing and empowering, and the ability to digest and embody the material is long lasting - all are seeds of personal and professional growth and transformation!

The final question - is your professional and personal growth simply a quick and easy requirement or can it offer and enhance your career, your whole self and your dreams?

So what is the most happening place in Wisconsin? TIBIA Continuing Education Center, located in Madison, WI!! We are a collaborative group of 5 women who are seasoned and passionate about live, embodied and transformative continuing education! Please visit the website and take advantage of our continuing education learning opportunities. www.TIBIAinc.com