**Fall 2017 schedule and Outline**

**Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60608 B. Mayer room**

Week 1: March 1, 2018

* Knowing yourself and focusing your employment goals

Week 2: March 8, 2018

* Marketing yourself- your presentation and the tools you have to use

Week 3: March 15, 2018

* Social Security Benefits- how will returning to work impact your benefits-

Erick Lopez from the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities

Week 4: March 22, 2018

* Financial Literacy-ensuring you have full access to your financial accounts, how your credit report impacts employment and navigating some of the programs designed to assist individuals with disabilities including ABLE accounts and student loan forgiveness

Week 5: March 29, 2018

* Developing your Resume, crafting cover letters, and on-line job applications

Kayode Adodo, Job Placement Counselor, Chicago Lighthouse

Week 6: April 5, 2018

* Interviewing from the Employers perspective-

Mike Kerley, Rush Hospital/ Diversity Recruiter

Week 7: April 12, 2018

* Interviews

Week 8: April 19, 2018

* Federal and State Employment opportunities for people with disabilities

Kelsey Thompson, Employment Specialist Hines VA

Week 9: April 26, 2018

* Getting around-O&M and transportation choices

Week 10: May 3, 2018

* How does the ADA protect you? Rights and Responsibilities in employment and disclosure

Week 11: May 10, 2017

* assistive/adaptive technology in the workplace and reasonable accommodations

Luke Scriven, Director, Assistive Technology

Week 12: May 17, 2018

* Keeping the job once you have it!

Finale and bringing it all together