



Course Name: Disabilities Across the Lifespan

Course Number: HSE* E161

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

An overview of the field of developmental disabilities as it applies to people across the lifespan from birth to old age. Topics include mental retardation, cognitive disabilities, acquired brain injury, physical disabilities, sensory impairment and others. The course examines these topics from a variety of perspectives including prevalence, psychological aspects, age-related, adaptive problems and habilitative services in the continuum of care.

Prerequisite, Corequisite, or Parallel: PSY*111

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

None

Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:

None

Embedded Competency(ies):

None

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

None

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

None



Course Specific Objectives:

- Demonstrate knowledge of disability issues of individuals across the lifespan;
2. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in assessment of disability disorders from birth through preschool, latency, adolescence, adulthood, and old age;
 3. Demonstrate an understanding of effective service delivery models, systems and managed care issues in services for individuals with disabilities;
 4. Integrate knowledge of the history, political, cultural aspects of theory and practice regarding services for individuals with disabilities;
 5. Demonstrate an understanding of the key theorists and their contributions to the study and practice of disability interventions, including how theory and research is applied in this arena;
 6. Demonstrate the ability to reflect and comment upon ethical issues associated with services for individuals with disabilities;
 7. Develop an understanding of developmental issues related to diversity within and cross cultures in the arena of disability services;
 8. Demonstrate an understanding of how the applications of theory manifest in real-world home, school, and community settings.

Course Content:

I. Definition of Disability Across the Lifespan

- A. History of perspectives on disabilities
- B. Varying perspectives of causation and etiology of disability

II. Age-Related Issues in the Disabilities Field

- A. Birth to three
- B. Pre-school



- C. Latency
- D. Adolescence
- E. Adulthood
- F. Old Age

III. Assessment and Diagnosis

- A. Psychiatric assessment
- B. Medications
- C. Psychological evaluation
- D. Intelligence testing

IV. Service Delivery Models and Systems Issues in Disabilities

- A. Comprehensive services
- B. Foster care
- C. Residential care
- D. Cultural diversity issues
- E. Deciding where to place an individual
- F. Managed care
- G. Advocacy
- H. Future directions for treatment, prevention, and service delivery

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