



## **I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course deals with the pursuit of wellness with a focus on physical fitness. Topics include: positive lifestyle choices, self-management and behaviour change techniques, exercise prescription, fitness training methods and body fat management. Students are introduced to a variety of fitness activities known to maximize health benefits while providing lifelong appeal. Through participation in hands-on learning experiences, students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to make positive lifestyle changes. If students choose to incorporate their knowledge and skills into daily living, they will see an overall increase in personal fitness and wellness.

## **II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

In general, this course addresses generic outcomes in: communication (1,2,7,13), interpersonal skills (5), analytical skills (12), outcome (10,11) and analysis (8).

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of wellness.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the historical and contemporary issues related to the concepts of health and wellness
- Contrast the past definition of health with the contemporary concept of wellness
- Explore the validity of the statement “health is a matter of choice”
- Describe how over reliance on our health care system impacts us as individuals and as a society
- Identify seven dimensions of wellness and behaviour choices which enhance each of them
- Describe and demonstrate self-management strategies which allow one to adopt healthy lifestyle behaviours

2. Demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the fitness dimension of wellness.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the development of the fitness movement and explain how it impacts our leisure and work lives
- Differentiate between health-related and performance-related fitness
- Define each of the five components of health-related fitness
- Outline the minimum exercise requirements necessary to improve each component of fitness applying the “FITT Formula” of exercise prescription
- Explain the importance of a warm-up and cool-down and describe the critical elements of both

- Identify examples of aerobic activities which have the potential to increase cardiorespiratory endurance
  - Determine appropriate exercise intensities using the Karvonen formula and “Borg’s Rate of Perceived Exertion” scale
  - Explain the following principles of training: progressive overload, rest and specificity
  - Identify the many health benefits of regular physical activity
3. Demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the development of muscular strength, endurance and flexibility.
- Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Describe the many ways that muscular strength and muscular endurance training enhance wellness
  - Identify and apply several important safe exercise practices when weight training
  - Describe how to establish an ideal training weight for a beginner and for an experienced weight trainer
  - Identify weight training exercises for the major muscle groups
  - Describe and demonstrate the concentric and eccentric phases of dynamic muscular contractions
  - Identify common fallacies related to weight training
  - Design and follow a weight training program to achieve improvement or maintenance of muscular strength and/or endurance
  - Describe how flexibility training enhances wellness
  - Describe the factors which limit flexibility
  - Compare the effects of static (passive) and dynamic (ballistic) stretching techniques
  - Demonstrate safe and effective exercises which enhance flexibility
  - Identify some common unsafe exercise and their safer alternatives
4. Identify, administer, evaluate and interpret results of fitness tests for the five components of health related fitness.
- Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Describe fitness assessment methods for each of the five components of health-related fitness
  - Perform various fitness assessment procedures on a classmate
  - Evaluate fitness assessment results and make appropriate training recommendations

5. Identify important exercise considerations, safety and care of the lower back.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Identify the safe exercises from a list of safe and contraindicated exercises
  - Identify recommendations for safe exercise in hot and cold weather.
  - Identify major contributors to injury risk and how to reduce risk
  - Explain general recommendations for common injuries (R.I.C.E.)
  - Describe recommendations to reduce risk of lower back injury
6. Describe the essential elements of sound nutrition and heart-smart eating.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Describe three ways dietary habits of North Americans have changed in the past 75 years and explain how these changes have affected our nutritional wellness
  - Identify the six major nutrients and describe their main functions in the body
  - Identify the percentage of calories recommended in the diet for carbohydrates, proteins and fats
  - Describe the dietary guidelines for North Americans
  - Differentiate between complex and simple carbohydrates
  - Describe the health benefits of soluble and insoluble fibre and list good sources of each
  - List examples of saturated, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats and explain their relationship to coronary heart disease
  - Identify foods high in cholesterol
  - Identify the key concepts promoted in “Canada’s Food Guide for Healthy Eating”
  - Analyze meals for dietary fat and fibre content
  - Examine one’s own nutritional behaviour and outline strategies for improvement
7. Evaluate the effectiveness of various fat-management techniques and differentiate between those which are health-enhancing and those which are health diminishing.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Describe the relationship between body composition and wellness
  - Explain the concept of weight and body size preoccupation and describe how this trend negatively impacts us
  - Explain how exercise influences body composition and contributes greatly to body fat management
  - Compare the effectiveness of exercise combined with healthy eating versus dieting alone, as weight/fat loss strategies
  - Describe strategies which promote healthy weight gain for those who are underweight

- Identify activities which have the potential to improve body composition through fat reduction and/or muscle gain
  - Identify several myths related to fat management
8. Identify and apply the concepts related to stress and stress management to one's personal life.
- Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Define the terms stress and stressor
  - Describe the three stages of the General Adaptation Syndrome (the stress response)
  - Define and give examples of eustress, distress and optimal stress
  - Explain how perception and control are related to the experience of stress
  - Explain the relationship of life changes and susceptibility to stress-related illnesses
  - Measure one's life changes encountered in the last year using the Holmes and Rahe Life Event Scale
  - Describe the harmful effects of too much stress
  - Contrast Type A, Type B and Type C behaviour patterns
  - Identify Type A behaviour modification techniques
  - Explain why exercise is an ideal strategy for managing stress
  - Experience and critique several relaxation techniques as stress management strategies
  - Explain how the following lifestyle behaviours/characteristics impact our experience of stress: eating habits, time management, alcohol, drugs and cigarette use, sleeping habits, satisfying relationships, seeking help and support of others, balancing work and play
  - Explain the concept of "reframing" and its relationship to stress management
9. Describe the important issues to consider when making the pursuit of wellness a lifetime endeavour.
- Potential Elements of the Performance:
- Define quackery and identify the common characteristics of quackery
  - Discriminate between a credible health product/discovery and a bogus or flimsy finding
  - Give examples of wellness programs that can be offered in the workplace
  - Describe ways to foster wellness habits in children
  - Describe several precautions to enhance personal safety
  - Describe trends which will affect our wellness in the future
  - Describe future challenges related to wellness
  - List environmental concerns that may impact our wellness

10. Identify cancer risk and prevention strategies.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Identify how cancer deaths rank in overall death statistics
  - List primary and secondary risk factors for cancer
  - Give guidelines for preventing sun over exposure; selecting foods that reduce cancer risk; and self screening practices
  
11. Identify the problems associated with substance abuse and addictive behaviour.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe issues related to alcohol abuse
  - Identify health hazards related to smoking and passive smoking
  - Identify the side effects of marijuana, cocaine

### **III. TOPICS:**

1. A Wellness Way of Life
2. Introduction to Fitness
3. Fitness Assessment
4. Training Methods and Safe Exercise Practices for Each Component of Fitness
5. Exercise Considerations
6. Nutrition
7. Body Composition and Body Fat Management
8. Stress
9. Wellness Trends and Challenges for the Future
10. Cancer
11. Substance Abuse

### **IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

Robbins, Powers and Burgess. A Wellness Way of Life. (4<sup>th</sup> ed.).

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

Written Test #1	20%
Written Test #2	20%
Final Exam	60%
Total	100%

Students with a grade of B following the first two tests may be exempt from the final.

**Note: Missed Tests and Late Assignments**

If you miss a written test, you must call your instructor on the scheduled test day to explain your absence. Only medical emergencies and extreme circumstances will warrant the opportunity to write the missed test at a later date. Official supporting documentation, such as a physician's certificate, may be required as confirmation of your illness. Make appropriate arrangements with your instructor as soon as you resume attendance at Sault College. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a zero grade for the missed test.

For each day that an assignment is late, ten percent of the total grade will be deducted. Assignments will not be accepted after seven days beyond the due date. Late assignments should be presented to your instructor in his/her office.

**Instructor's Phone #:** 759-2554, Ext. \_\_\_\_  
**Instructor's Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

*The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:*

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
A	80 - 89%	3.75
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
R (Repeat)	59% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	

X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course (see <i>Policies &amp; Procedures Manual – Deferred Grades and Make-up</i> ).
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has not been possible for the faculty member to report grades.

## VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

### Special Needs:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your instructor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1204 or call Extension 493, 717, or 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.

### Retention of course outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

### Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Rights and Responsibilities*. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

### Course outline amendments:

The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.



**VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the instructor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of the following:

- Written test covering the six learning outcomes identified for this course.
- Completion of the Behaviour Management assignment and the Fitness Program assignment.
- Completion of the Canadian Standard Test for Fitness Assessment (STFA).

**VIII. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:**

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Dean's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.