

COURSE TITLE: Assessment of the Mentally Retarded *mKt* *10H* ^^^^
-CLASS HOURS: 3
INSTRUCTOR: Ed Finn

Course Description:

This field-based course will utilize a systematic approach to assess an individual's development level. The student will learn to assess, prescribe, train, evaluate and plan for use in individual program plans.

Course Goals:

- 1) To enhance the learner's chance of success and development of a feeling of self worth,
- 2) To maximize the opportunities for individual program planning.
- 3) To provide a system or method to facilitate the effectiveness of the M,R,C. student in instructional implementation and evaluation.

Course Objectives:

- 1) The student will demonstrate the ability to assess, prescribe, plan, train and evaluate individual programs for the mentally handicapped.
- 2) The student will demonstrate competence in task analysis, positive reinforcement, charting, setting, and identifying performance objectives, skill levels, and focal points.
- 3) The student will demonstrate the ability to apply a systematic model to alternative assessment tools.

Methodology:

- 1) Lectures: in which the instructor will discuss concepts used in assessing the developmentally handicapped.
- 2) Field-based instruction: in which the student will practice a "learn by doing" approach.
- 3) Videotapes, films and articles: in which the student will be responsible **for** notes taken on the material presented,
- 4) Any other methods or materials deemed by the instructor to be necessary to enable the class and/or the individual student to reach the course objectives; **for** example, simulation exercises.

Texts: I CAN - Aquatics Kit
 I CAN - Implementation Guide

Evaluation:

- 1) Regular attendance and participation in class.
- 2) Responsible for class notes and reading assignments as well as notes taken from films or videotapes.
- 3) Midterm and final exams will be given.
- 4) Individual conferences will be held and a grade will be arrived at.