

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: THE ATYPICAL CHILD

Code No.: ED 206-3

Program: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Semester: FALL

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides the student with a comprehensive overview of the field of special education. Major emphasis is placed on the range of individual differences and on strategies for adapting educational programs to educationally different children.

**COURSE PHILOSOPHY:**

"The person first, the handicap second". Foremost is conveyed the idea that each child is seen as a unique individual possessing both skills and needs which will affect his learning potential.

**COURSE GOALS:**

This course is designed to help students develop an understanding of the abilities, disabilities and handicaps of the groups of children who are commonly classified as exceptional. The content encompasses many areas of exceptionality: physical, social, emotional and intellectual deviations. Prevalence statistics, etiologies, behavioural characteristics and educational needs of the individual child are presented.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The student will demonstrate:

1. an understanding of the scope and history of the education of handicapped, including current trends.
2. an understanding of the inter- and intra-individual differences found in children who are classified as exceptional.
3. a facility in expressing the appropriate terminology pertinent to the field of special education.
4. an ability to incorporate the behavioural and learning characteristics of the atypical child into an educational program.
5. a knowledge of the legal aspects of special education and local community services.
6. a knowledge of atypical growth patterns as compared to those of the "average" child.
7. an understanding of how to develop IPP's for the individual child.

Instructor: Bev Browning

**TEXT:**

1. Exceptional Children in Canada, Winzer, Rogow & David, Prentice - Hall Canada Inc: Scarborough, 1987.

**REFERENCES:**

1. Portage Guide to Early Education.
2. Adapting Early Childhood Curricula: for Children with Special Needs, 2nd. ed. Suggestions for Meeting Special Needs, Cook, Lessier/Armbruster, Merrill Publ. Co.: Columbus, Ohio, 1897.
3. Parents on the Team, Brown, Sara L. and Moersch, Martha S., Ed's, Ann Arbor: U. of Michigan Press, Michigan, 1978.

**METHODOLOGY:**

Lecture and discussion method: Learning will be facilitated by lectures and audio-visual presentations. Handouts dealing specifically with each area of exceptionality will supplement the lectures. Readings may be assigned other than those from the texts. Students are responsible for text material, notes, assigned articles, and study questions.

**SYLLABUS:**

**UNIT: INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONALITIES**

Week 1

A - Course Outline

B - Classifications

- Major Etiologies

- Prevalence

- Diagnosis and Assessment - IPP's

Readings: Ch. 1,2 & 3

C - Family Reactions

- Dealing with Professionals

D - Historical Perspective

Readings: Ch. 8 & 9

**UNIT: INTELLECTUAL DEVIATIONS**

Weeks 2 to 5

- A - Intellectual Deficiency
  - Definitions
  - Causes
  - Intervention

Readings Ch. 5

- B - Test #1

- C - Intellectual Superiority
  - Distinguishing Characteristics
  - Intervention

Readings: Ch. 6

**UNIT: COMMUNICATION DISORDERS**

Weeks 7

- A - Speech and Language Problems
- B - Curriculum Implications

Readings: Ch. 8 & 9

**MID-TERM TEST**

**UNIT: SENSORY DEFICITS**

Weeks 8 & 9

- A - Definitions of Hearing Impaired
  - Prevalence & Identification
  - Characteristics
  - Education
- B - Visual Impairments
  - Methods of Identification
  - Characteristics

Readings: Ch. 12 & 13

Weeks 10 & 11

**UNIT: PHYSICAL AND HEALTH IMPAIRMENTS**

- A - Neurological problems
  - Musculo skeletal impairments
  - Chronic health problems

B - Multiple Handicaps

Readings: Ch. 7, 10 & 11

**TEST #3**

**UNIT: LEARNING & BEHAVIOURAL MALADJUSTMENTS**

Weeks 12 & 13

- A - Emotional Disturbance
  - Disorders, Autism
  - Services & Treatment
- B - Learning Disabilities
  - Prevalence & Identification
  - Hyperactivity
  - Educational Approaches

Week 14

Review

FINAL TEST

**EVALUATION:**

TEST #1	15%
MID-TERM TEST	20%
TEST #3	25%
FINAL TEST	30%
ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION	<u>10%</u>
	100%

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