



Course Prefix/Number/Title:

SPED 110 – Introduction to Exceptional Children

Number of Credits:

3 Semester Credits

Course Description:

This course will introduce special education as well as an overview of disability categories. Students will be introduced to laws governing the education of students with disabilities including IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), ADA, and 504. Students will explore the history of special education. Students will become familiar with assessments and write a mock IEP (Individualized Education Plan).

Pre-/Co-requisites:

None

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define exceptional learners and special education
- Explain the history and origins of special education
- Describe legislation (IDEA, 504, ADA, NCLB/Every Child Succeeds Act) and its implications for special education
- Explain best practices for teaching bilingual students
- Describe ways a special educator can support families of students with disabilities
- Become familiar with the characteristics of students in each of the disability categories (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Other Health Disabilities, Emotional or Behavioral Disabilities, Speech/Language Disorders, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Deaf-Blindness, Multiple Disabilities)
- Understand and provide examples of the parts of an IEP
- Describe the pre-referral/assessment process, MTSS, RtI
- Define a functional behavior assessment and positive behavior intervention plan
- Discuss early intervention services and services for transition into adulthood
- Discuss the role of the family in the education process and how to facilitate their involvement
- Discuss the role of the general education teacher, paraprofessional, and special education teacher in providing services to students with disabilities

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Lecture/Lab Schedule:

T/Th Thatcher Hall 1107, 2pm-3:15pm

Textbook(s):

Hallahan, D.P., Kaufmann, J.M., & Pullen, P.C. (2019) *Exceptional Learners: An Introduction to Special Education*, Pearson– ISBN 978013280693-8

Course Requirements:

Grading is based on a standard college curve, where students earn a grade based upon the percentage of total points possible. Drop quizzes or in class work may not be made up. There will be a one-week grace period to make up any missed exams or assignments. Any missed exam/work not made up within that allotted time will be given a zero. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule make-up work during a date and time mutually convenient for the student and the instructor.

Final letter grades are based on the following criteria:

A - 89.5 - 100% of the total points

B - 79.5 - <89.5% of the total points

C - 69.5 - < 79.5% of the total points

D - 59.5 - <69.5% of the total points

F - <59.5% of the total points

Tentative Course Outline:

Week (Date Due)	Topic
Week 1	Ch. 1 Exceptionality and Special Education
Week 2	Ch. 2 Current Practices for Meeting the Needs of Exceptional Learners
Week 3	Ch. 3 Multicultural and Bilingual Aspects of Special Education
Week 4	Ch. 4 Parents and Families
Week 5	Ch. 5 Learners with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Week 6	Ch. 6 Learners with Learning Disabilities
Week 7	Ch. 7 Learners with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Week 8	MIDTERM & Ch. 8 Learners with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders
Week 9	Ch. 9 Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Week 10	Ch. 10 Learners with Communication Disorders
Week 11	Ch. 11 Learners who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Week 12	Ch. 12 Learners with Blindness or Low Vision
Week 13	Ch. 13 Learners with Low-Incidence, Multiple, and Severe Disabilities
Week 14	Ch. 14 Learners with Physical Disabilities and Other Health Impairments
Week 15	Ch. 15 Learners with Special Gifts and Talents
Week 16	Wrap-up and Final

CTE Competency / Department Learning Outcome(s):

Goal: Employ industry-specific skills in preparation for workplace readiness.

Objective: Students will demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills. A common rubric is used to ensure reliability and validity of data collected.

Relationship to Campus Focus:

The purpose of the Education and Human Development Discipline is to educate students for careers as paraeducators, teachers, early childhood professionals, and adult caregivers. The discipline provides coursework which transitions to higher education degrees and work-related skills. Programs must prepare professionals based on industry standards and provide an educational continuum for degree advancement. Dakota College at Bottineau is committed to a hands-on learning environment and uses field experience in educational settings as common instruction techniques.

Classroom Policies:

- Participate to the best of your ability
- Practice Academic Integrity
- Stay connected to the course – do not fall behind

Student Email Policy:

Dakota College at Bottineau is increasingly dependent upon email as an official form of communication. A student's campus-assigned email address will be the only one recognized by the Campus for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

Academic Integrity:

According to the DCB Student Handbook, students are responsible for submitting their own work. Students who cooperate on oral or written examinations or work without authorization share the responsibility for violation of academic principles, and the students are subject to disciplinary action even when one of the students is not enrolled in the course where the violation occurred. The Code detailed in the Academic Honesty/Dishonesty section of the Student Handbook will serve as the guideline for cases where cheating, plagiarism or other academic improprieties have occurred.

Disabilities or Special Needs:

Students with disabilities or special needs (academic or otherwise) are encouraged to contact the instructor and Disability Support Services.

Title IX:

Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the College as a whole. Please be aware that all DCB employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as advocates, counselors, clergy and healthcare providers) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the College Title IX Coordinator. This means that if a student tells a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment or sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the College's Title IX Coordinator. Students wishing to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility can find a list of resources on the DCB Title IX webpage.