

# CLASS SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: CSEA 115 – Current Practice Issues  
CLASS SECTION: BX01  
TERM: S2022  
COURSE CREDITS: 1.5  
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Synchronous

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here. Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

<https://camosun.ca/about/covid-19-updates>

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Asha Rao  
EMAIL: [raoa@camosun.ca](mailto:raoa@camosun.ca)  
HOURS: By Appointment

*As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.*

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will examine select trends and developments in the field of disability, affecting the quality of life of children, youth and adults. Contemporary issues related to disability rights, advocacy, indigenous practice and inclusive education are examined through a social justice lens. Students build upon and apply theory and concepts acquired in previous Education Assistant and Community Support courses as this relates to practice in both the education system and community settings.

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PRE/CO-REQUISITE(S): All of: COM in CSEA 112

## COURSE DELIVERY

ACTIVITY	HOURS / WEEK	# OF WEEKS	ACTIVITY HOURS
Lecture	2	6	12
Seminar			
Lab / Collaborative Learning			
Supervised Field Practice			


TOTAL HOURS **12**

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- a) critically analyze current and emerging trends in the field of disabilities and the impact of these on the lives of children, adults and families.
- b) identify and describe the roles and influence of community resources and networks in responding to significant trends and issues, and use this knowledge to inform practice as an Education Assistant and Community Support practitioner.
- c) articulate and apply advocacy skills and community lobby methods as a means of supporting change and developing a best practice framework for the field.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Readings will be provided through D2L

### COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 1 – May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Course Orientation</li> <li>• Issue Identification</li> <li>• Forming Groups</li> </ul>	Course Outline bring to class to discuss
Week 2 – May 9	Issues Analysis, Group Contracts	Group Contract Template and Section 1 handouts
Week 3 – May 16	Group Work on Research Assignment	Section 1 DUE
Week 4 – May 23	Victoria Day – no class	
Week 5 – May 30	Group Work on Research Assignment	Sections 2 and 3 DUE
Week 6 -June 6	Group Presentations	Final Reflection DUE

## STUDENT EVALUATION

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DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	WEIGHTING
Engaged Discussions – 5% each	Weeks 1, 2, 3 and 5	20%
Inquiry Question, Outline and Research Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section 1</li><li>• Sections 2 and 3</li></ul>	May 16 May 29	40%
Group Presentation	June 6	30%
Final Reflection	June 6	10%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](#) policy for more information.

## CLASS GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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It is important to attend class, arrive on time and participate in the discussions and activities. Please let your instructor know via email as soon as possible to inform them of your absence. If you miss more than one class or arrive late more than one time, your success in the course will be in jeopardy and your instructor may request a meeting to discuss your absences.

If an assignment is late, 5% per day that it is late will be deducted from your mark for that assignment. In exceptional circumstances, students can request an extension, but this must be arranged and approved by the instructor in writing (email is best) at least 48 hours before the assignment is due. No more than one extension per student is typically granted by the instructor.

Written assignments are to be submitted via D2L in word or pdf files only (no pages docs – I can't open them). Assignments should be written in APA format with title and reference pages. Please note that writing, grammar, style and structure will account for 25% of all written assignments.

C is the minimum grade for successful completion of CSEA 115. All assignments must be completed in order for students to complete the course requirements.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

## SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	<a href="http://camosun.ca/advising">http://camosun.ca/advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning">http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/counselling">http://camosun.ca/counselling</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/coop">http://camosun.ca/coop</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/financialaid">http://camosun.ca/financialaid</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/help-centres">http://camosun.ca/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/indigenous">http://camosun.ca/indigenous</a>
International Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/international/">http://camosun.ca/international/</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="http://camosun.ca/learningskills">http://camosun.ca/learningskills</a>
Library	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/library/">http://camosun.ca/services/library/</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/oss">http://camosun.ca/oss</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="http://camosun.ca/ombuds">http://camosun.ca/ombuds</a>
Registration	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration">http://camosun.ca/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/its">http://camosun.ca/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="http://camosun.ca/writing-centre">http://camosun.ca/writing-centre</a>

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

## COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

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### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

### Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized

Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/sexual-violence](http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence). To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

**Changes to this Syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.