

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE: HCA 120- Introduction to Practice
CLASS SECTION: X02
TERM: 2024W
COURSE CREDITS: 1.5 (30 hours)

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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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

This course provides an introduction to the role of the HCA within the British Columbia health care system. Students will be introduced to the other healthcare team members. Students will also have opportunities to develop self-reflective skills required for competent practice and will be introduced to effective job-finding approaches.

PREREQUISITE(S): n/a
CO-REQUISITE(S): n/a
PRE OR CO-REQUISITE(S): n/a

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

- Display an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of HCAs within the health care system in British Columbia.
- Contribute to the effective functioning of the healthcare team.
- Function in a responsible, accountable fashion recognizing legal and ethical parameters of the HCA role.
- Apply self-reflection, and self-appraisal processes in order to recognize and respond to own self-development needs as a care provider.
- Confidently conduct a job-search process.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Sorrentino's Canadian Textbook for the Support Worker, Fifth Edition (2022) by Sorrentino's, Remmert & Wilk. Elsevier.

Integrating a Palliative Approach: Essentials for Personal Support Workers, Second Edition (2020) by Murray. Life & Death Matters.

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
Week 15	Unit 1: Work Place Settings
Week 16	Unit 2: Team Work in Health Care
Week 17	Unit 3: Professional Approaches to Care
Week 18	Unit 4: Job Search
Week 18 & 19	Unit 5 Legal & Ethical Issues
Week 20	Final Exam

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](#).

<https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

Students must obtain a minimum of 70% in to be successful in this course.

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Post Unit Quizzes	15%
Ethical Group Presentations	30%
In Class Exam Self Reflective Practice	20%
Final Exam	35%
	TOTAL
	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.

<https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf>

Please see <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for information on the Standard Grading System, and the Competency-Based Grading System!

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

In Class Assignments and Examination Procedures:

There are policies regarding written test and examination procedures including late arrivals and missed tests. Please see the Health and Human Services Student Manual (Section 5.4);

<https://legacy.camosun.ca/learn/school/health-human-services/student-info/index.html>

Written Assignments:

Assignments are due before 2400 hours (midnight) on the assigned day unless otherwise specified.

Assignments about patients, residents, or clients must be completed using the individual's initials only.

Unless otherwise specified. Students requiring an extension for the due date of an assignment must negotiate with the instructor, at least 48 hours before the due date. Assignments submitted late without an approved extension will result in a 5% deduction in mark for each day late. Assignments submitted more than 3 days late may not be accepted. All assignments must be submitted to be successful in HCA 120.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Students are required to read and are accountable for following College policies and guidelines as described in the School of Health and Human Services and/or Program Student Handbooks **School of Health and Human Services Handbook:** <https://camosun.ca/hhs-handbook>
Program Handbook: <https://camosun.ca/hca-handbook>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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

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 camosun.ca/services.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support
Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

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

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines: <https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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 ([see policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> 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: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education. To contact the Office of Student Support: 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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

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.