



COURSE OUTLINE

ETP 037 APPLIED LITERACY - WINTER SEMESTER 2018

Class Times: Tuesday 1:00-3:00 Lab: Wednesdays 10:00-12:00

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COURSE PURPOSE:

This course prepares students for employment by developing workplace literacy including communication skills, organizational skills and thinking/learning skills.

COURSE OUTCOMES

During this course students will do the following:

1. Demonstrate progress in literacy skills related to entry-level work.
2. Demonstrate the attitudes and behaviors of an entry-level worker.

Specifically, Students will be able to:

- Identify literacy learning goals and track progress
- Find, make sense of, organize, and recall information.
- Communicate effectively with customers, supervisors, instructors and peers.
- Solve problems, make decisions and plan.
- Contribute to group work.
- Describe personal attitudes, values, interests, skills, strengths and challenges
- Identify next steps on their career and/or learning path

TOPICS

Students will explore the following topics:

- Effective and respectful communication including: listening comprehension, speaking effectively, reading comprehension, and writing.
- Computer use
- Document use, research and analysis
- Thinking skills: decision making, problem solving, planning, goal setting, organization
- Workplace norms
- Attitudes that promote teamwork, accountability, learning, communication, productivity and wellbeing.
- Self-management, reliability, accountability and responsibility
- Self-directed learning
- Career exploration
- Identifying and creating supports and resources.

PREREQUISITES

Permission from instructor is required to register in this course. Candidates must demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Readiness to hold responsibility for learning in a college setting.
- Willingness to accept challenges.
- Ability to travel and function independently in the community.
- Capacity to work both independently and collaboratively.

LEARNING MATERIALS:

- Communication Skills, QLWG Essential Life Skills Unit 10, 2008
- Times Colonist Newspaper
- There are a variety of workbooks available in the classroom for students to work from
- Other material is available from the library and learning centres.

Students are responsible for the following materials:

- Clean clothing in good repair.
- 3 ring binder, pens, paper, and book bag.
- Calendar, schedule or smart phone to keep track of appointments and commitments.
- Meals, snacks, water.

Support is available to students who may have trouble obtaining these items.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As a reflection of workplace standards, students are expected to arrive on time to all classes and labs ready to learn. If you are going to be away, please provide sufficient notice. You are responsible for any assignments or learning that took place during your absence. Students are expected to minimise any disruption if arriving late or leaving early. If missing more than 2 classes please meet with your instructor to ensure learning outcomes are being met. If you are late more than 4 times you will be expected to meet with your instructor to explore time management strategies.

EVALUATION PLAN

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COURSE EVALUATION METHODS						
1. Lab Evaluations	20%					
2. Learning Planner	20%					
3. Dynamic Evaluation of Literacy Learning Activities	20%					
4. Self-Assessment	20%					
5. Paragraph Assignment	15%					
6. Binder Organization	5%					
COURSE OUTCOMES	Evaluations					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Demonstrate the Literacy skills of an entry-level worker.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Demonstrate the attitudes and behaviors of an entry-level worker.	✓	✓	✓	✓		

GRADE	DESCRIPTION
COM	Complete: The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course. 50%-84%
DST	Complete with Distinction: The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course. 85%-100%
NC	Not Complete: The student has not met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course. 0%-49%
I	Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

Evaluation Methods

LAB EVALUATIONS 20%	
Description	Participate in learning labs. Use lab time to practice literacy skills, attitudes and behaviours of an entry-level worker.
Specifications	You will be evaluated on a number of areas (see rubric)
Due Date	Lab evaluations will take place during the last week of labs (April 11).

LEARNING PLANNER 20%	
Description	The learning planner is a workbook to help you create, organize and track learning goals and activities. Work through the book and develop at least four substantial learning goals for literacy. Work with your instructor to create learning activities for these goals. Follow through on your learning activities and track your progress.
Specifications	Develop at least four literacy learning goals. Choose goals that interest you from the list of topics in the course outline. Each should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A specific learning goal • At least three learning activities you will do to meet your goal • How you will track progress for each learning activity Consult with the instructor weekly about your plan. Students will earn 5 points for each complete learning goal plan.
Due Date	Bring your learning planner workbook to all Numeracy and Literacy classes and labs. Review your work with the instructor each week.

DYNAMIC EVALUATION OF NUMERACY LEARNING ACTIVITIES 20%	
Description	Dynamic evaluation looks at learning progress in a number of ways such as: observation during class and labs, learning journals, opening and closing circle, task completion, quality of work, quantity of work, changes in behaviour, reflection on learning, sharing of insights and progress according to student defined measures.
Specifications	Student progress will be assessed according to a number of categories summarized in a rubric. Dynamic Assessment is negotiable between student and instructor in order to highlight student strengths and to assess how each student demonstrates learning in her or his own way.
Due Date	Dynamic evaluation takes place throughout the semester and will be summarized during the second to last week of class.

PARAGRAPH ASSIGNMENT 15%

Description	<p>Students will work at their own level to write three paragraphs about a newspaper article taking the time to develop reading comprehension and writing skills. Students who are unable to write a paragraph will work with the instructor to adapt this assignment to their learning needs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Choose an article and read it.2. Take notes and answer the following questions about the article to the best of your ability. You may alter these questions to make them relevant to your article.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Who was involved?b. What happened?c. Where did it happen?d. When did it happen?e. How did it happen? How are people responding?f. Why did it happen?3. Put your notes into sentences.4. Consult with the instructor.5. Add some sentences about your opinion of the topic.6. Write introductory and concluding sentences.7. Edit your work8. Review your writing with the instructor often;9. This assignment is due the following Thursday and can be submitted to Mark Fournier in person or by email fournierm@camosun.bc.ca. <p>Be prepared to discuss the article with others and to work with the instructor to revise your writing.</p>
Specifications	<p>Students will earn 5 point for each paragraph. Students who are unable to write a paragraph will work with the instructor to adapt this assignment to meet their learning needs.</p> <p>Paragraphs can be submitted in on paper or electronically using email. Handwritten paragraphs must be readable by the instructor. One point will be earned for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choosing an article or topic• Consulting with the instructor to develop reading and writing skills• Researching the topic and answering the relevant questions (who, what, where when, how, why).• Commenting on the topic with your opinion• Composing Introductory and concluding sentences.
Due Date	TBA

SELF-ASSESSMENT 20%	
Description	Students will be asked to assess their learning progress using a rubric. Self-assessment is an important work related skill. Practice this skill throughout the term and get feedback. Your accuracy is worth half the mark.
Specifications	10% for self-assessment 10% for accuracy (agreement with other assessments)
Due Date	Last week of classes

BINDER ORGANIZATION 5%	
Description	Students will keep learning materials organized throughout the semester. Handouts, notes and other course materials in a binder divided into the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directed Studies • Applied Literacy • Applied Numeracy • Learning Planner • Work Experience (ETP 2 Students)
Specifications	5 points will be earned for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing binder into the sections described above • Keeping materials in the appropriate sections • Keeping materials neatly organized using a 3 ring binder and tabs • Bringing learning materials to each class • Being able to find materials as needed.
Due Date	Ongoing through semester: each class.