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Catalogue Description of Course: For prospective teachers. Aspects of health and safety in the classroom. Selected topics include - school safety, preventive health, child abuse, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, suicide prevention, eating disorders and related topics. This course is for students preparing for educational careers.

Design of Course: In order to introduce the prospective educator to selected concepts of health and safety this course will utilize media sources, professional literature, student research, student projects, student participation and guest speakers in the weekly classes. The knowledge and application of the variations for each developmental level represented by the K-12 student will be identified in each concept/topic and for each student developed project. Recognition of the wide range of cultural and socio-economic issues represented in today's classroom is an integral part of each concept/topic.

Learning Objectives:

1. Recognize the developmental level differences associated each health or safety topic.
2. Distinguish between health and unhealthy behaviors of students in K-12 grades.
3. Distinguish between safe environments/behaviors and unhealthy environments/behaviors of students in K-12.
4. Develop one course topic in-depth as a paper, class presentation, web page or professional poster.

Class topics include the following (order of concepts maybe may change due to speaker or student needs):

1. Preventive and Maintenance of Health for students in K-12
 - Health for students in K-12
 - Identification of common health risk factors for K-12
 - Handling of minor emergency situations
 - Allergies
 - Injuries
 - Personal protection
 - Communicable disease prevention
 - Routine assessments
 - Development differences
 - National Standards/Healthy People 2020
 - School age nutrition
 - Collaboration with the school nurse

- Safety for students and educators in K-12
 - Identification of a safe environment, safe behavior
 - Factors that disrupt safety of students and staff in schools
 - Handling of emergency situations – minor to crisis
 - Personal protection
 - Developmental differences for students in K-12
 - National Standards/Healthy People 2020
 - Abuse occurring with pupils in K-12
 - Recognition of abuse – recognition of developmental differences
 - Who are the abusers – adults and peers
 - Types of abuse – neglect, physical, emotional, sexual abuse, student to student abuse (bullying/hazing)
 - Regulations – school system, state laws, reporting procedures, mandated reports/reporter
2. Stress/Vulnerability/Risky Behaviors/ Responses
- Healthy coping behaviors
 - Identification of at-risk groups & developmental differences
 - Recognition of the stress for the individual student and/or groups of students
 - Emotional disorders common in K-12
 - Risky behaviors -substance abuse, gambling, eating disorders, suicide, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV/AIDS
 - Society attitudes/cultural responses
 - Coping responses and strategies
 - Educator's role
 - Educational system's role
 - Health care system's role

Course Requirements:

The course grade is **pass/fail** based on the fulfillment of attendance, completion of weekly assignments, project completion meeting the published criteria (*a score of 75 or above is necessary on the project for passing the course along with the other requirement*) and completion of the course evaluation on BlackBoard. It is within the instructor's purview to apply qualitative judgment in determining grades for an assignment or for the course.

- 100% attendance of **all 7 classes**. Total for final grade equals 10%.
- Posted on BlackBoard each week will be an assignment to be completed **PRIOR** to the class. The assignment will be submitted electronically by 12 midnight before the class day. Criteria for grading include clarity of response, synthesis of reference material and application to a selected developmental/grade level. Total percent of final grade equals 12%.
- Each week @ the end of the class, the student will submit an *index card* with a brief review of one reference utilized for the assignment posted on BlackBoard for the topic(s) of the week. **OR** a list of 3 questions which the student desires to be answered during the class period. This card will have the student's name, appropriate citation for reference(s) if applicable. Total percent of the final grade equals 12%.

- Successful completion of one project (listed below) with a grade of 75 or more points. The project equals 66% of the final grade.
 - Student selects one of the options listed below for a project type.
 - Guidelines for each project are posted on Blackboard.
 - **Students must make a decision for a project and notify the professor by the second class date. Also the topic and identification of targeted developmental/grade level must be communicated to the professor by the second class date.** Please utilize email or appointments to discuss your project with the professor as necessary.
 - Criteria for project and a check list of grading the project are available on BlackBoard

REMINDER: all projects should reflect a chosen developmental level such as k-3, 4-5-6 grades, middle school, and secondary school. Identification of Healthy People 2020 goals and/or other national educational standards are to be included and applied to the project material.

Possible Projects are: (choose one of the following)

- A professional poster for other teachers/educators. **This poster is NOT for students, rather for peers.** See BlackBoard for development and criteria for a professional poster.
- An oral presentation or a PowerPoint presentation for other teachers/educators on specific course content. This will be presented on the day the content is on the class schedule. Information available on BlackBoard under oral presentation
- Traditional research paper with appropriate media or published **scholarly** references and college level writing/styles on a PHED 236 topic. The paper must be submitted electronically by the **6th class**. See BlackBoard for more information.
- Review of 7-8 educational/health/safety Web sites or professional journal publications with annotated reference of a selected course topic. To be submitted in a “traditional” paper style. The paper must be submitted electronically by the **6th class**. See BlackBoard for more information.
- Develop a Web page on a class topic that would be utilized by teachers/educators for a selected developmental level. The web site must be completed by the **6th class**.
- **Other types of projects are negotiable. Contact the professor to discuss another type of project *BEFORE THE SECOND CLASS DATE* if a student desires this choice for their project.**

Reminder: Plagiarism is the intentional use of another’s words or ideas as your own. This can range from using another individual’s direct words or changing the words only slightly (paraphrasing) without the appropriate citation to purchasing a paper from the Internet or a professional writing service. (This includes pictures, tables, diagrams, etc. used from Web sources.) **Refer to the Moravian College Academic Honesty Policy in the Student Handbook** for more details.

Learning Accommodations: Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Elaine Mara, assistant director of learning services for academic and disability support at 1307 Main Street, or by calling 610-861-1510. Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Course General Information:

1. **Behavior** in class is directed toward learning, thus text messaging, use of computers other than for note taking or class presentations is inappropriate and may result in points removed from the final grade. **Chatting, i.e. talking** to peers during presentation of class material is inappropriate and may result in points removed from the final grade. **Also**, arriving late to class is a distraction to those attending the class and should not occur.
2. **Covered** beverages are allowed in the Johnston 138 classroom, however no food is allowed.

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