CORE 471
Community Rehabilitation Practice for Families and their Children

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Office Hours/Policy on Answering Student Emails
Student emails will be answered within 24 hours of receipt during the week and within 72 hours over the weekend.

Time and Location:
This is an online course. The location of the course is D2L.

Prerequisite/Co-Requisite:
24 units (4.0 full-course equivalents) including at least one of Community Rehabilitation 205 or 209 or admission to BCR or BCR-C.

Course Description:
Families with children with disabilities in the context of the family relationships, support networks, schools and communities.

Overarching Theme
This course is focused on understanding and supporting families who have children with a disability. Our society upholds family “as a symbol of warmth and emotional bonds” (Guberman, 2001), as “naturally given and socially and morally desirable” (Barrett & McIntosh, 1982). Such idealized views can be gateways to expecting families to be many things and either hesitating to recognize needs and provide supports when families face challenges or diminishing families with challenges because they do not conform to idealized notions. A main objective in this course is for you to expand your understanding of the complexities that families experience including demands and opportunities that present when a family has a child with a disability. This understanding will provide the basis for the second objective of this course which is for you to apply your knowledge about families by analyzing family needs and compiling resources and supports to address these needs.

Module 1. Theoretical perspectives on child development: approaches to and impacts of assessing child development
This module will introduce you to how to use different theoretical perspectives to approach the social, physical and behavioural milestones that most families look for in their children including how these milestones are assessed. This module will encompass traditional forms of assessment as well as more contemporary approaches. Some impacts of assessment will be discussed.

Module 2. Theoretical perspectives on impacts of disability on families
How do families create the environment within which they manage their day to day lives when their child presents with a disability? This module will encompass several theoretical perspectives for understanding and assessing the impact of disability
Module 3. Supporting families: family circumstances and practical implications
Anchored in the belief that families are able to identify their own needs and supports, this module will be an examination and application of ways to support families in these processes. Several approaches in relation to varied family circumstances will be presented.

Global Objectives
- To integrate theory, research and practice
- To apply an interdisciplinary approach to Family-Centered practices
- To identify processes of identification and evaluation of family support and family-professional working relationships
- To critically evaluate family dynamics in terms of how these may be influenced when a family member has a disability.
- To understand family issues and availability and access to supports and professional relationships in the community

Learning Objectives
By the end of this course, students will be able to:
- Describe and critically compare tools used to assess disability related needs
- Discuss and appreciate different levels of interaction between family members (immediate and extended) and between family members and their professional support providers and programs
- Prepare a paper to demonstrate and compare conceptual approaches to understanding families of children with disabilities
- Develop a critical research paper through which to illuminate a gap in understanding families of children with disabilities and generate implications for professional practice in support of families of children with disabilities
- Through online discussion posts, identify, discuss and illustrate an array of concepts covered in course readings, peer and instructor discussions and lecture notes

Required Textbooks
No text is required for this course

A Note regarding readings
A list of required readings will be outlined on D2L and links and documents will be made available, where possible. Required readings have been chosen carefully to inform you and enhance the lecture material. Students are REQUIRED to complete assigned readings BEFORE each lecture. Instructors will proceed in class on the assumption that students have read completely the assigned readings. Students should be aware that many of the readings they will be assigned may be of an unfamiliar nature and style. Students should allot sufficient time to allow for several reads of the assigned material.

Evaluation
The University policy on grading and related matters is described in section F of the 2019-2020 Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course, the following weights will be used:

1. Comparing assessment tools (Module 1) 20%
2. Ways of understanding families’ experiences with disability (Module 2) 20%
3. Research directions related to family and disability (Module 3) 30%
4. Weekly small group readings and discussion (Modules 1, 2 & 3) 30%
Comparing assessment tools  20%
Working individually, students will choose and research 5 formal tools that are used to assess children. You will be asked to analyze the effectiveness and applicability of each. You will be required to identify the theoretical framework of each tool. You are expected to take a critical eye to typical/atypical development and the impacts of this labelling of development (both positive and negative).
Due Feb 26, 2020

Ways of understanding families and disability  20%
Working individually students will take three conceptual frameworks for understanding families and disability (examples: equity and rights, critical frameworks, feminist approach, structural functionalism, family systems theory, family stress and coping theory, burden of care, family quality of life). From the media, find a story in which a family with a member with a disability is featured. Examine issues arising using each of your conceptual frameworks. Identify similarities and differences in how these frameworks guide understandings of the family experience?
APA format required.
Due March 20, 2020

Research directions related to families and disability  30%
Working individually students will choose a theoretical perspective and design a hypothetical

Weekly small group discussion 30% (postings due at the end of weekly reading period)
Students will be placed in one of four discussion groups for the duration of the course, starting Jan 20 with Module 1, to discuss the weekly readings. Each student will be expected to participate in the small group throughout the course. You must post your original post by Tuesday 11:59 pm of the assigned week and respond to a group mate by Friday at 11:59 pm of that week. There are 12 opportunities to post; you may choose to post only 10 discussions, or you may post up to 12 as you wish and have your top 10 marks counted towards the final discussion mark.
Students will be expected to post a response on D2L within the week. Late postings will not be considered.

There is no final exam for this course. A student’s final grade for the course is the sum of the separate assignments. It is not necessary to pass each assignment separately in order to pass the course.

A Note regarding Writing Assignments:
Writing skills are important to academic study in all disciplines. In keeping with the University of Calgary’s emphasis on the importance of academic writing in student assignments (section E.2 of 2019-20 Calendar), writing is emphasized, and the grading thereof in determining a student’s mark in this course. The Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation values excellence in writing. Competence in writing entails skills in crafting logical, clear, coherent, non-redundant sentences, paragraphs and broader arguments, as well as skills with the mechanics of writing (grammar, spelling, punctuation). The University of Calgary offers a number of instructional services through the Students’ Success Centre’s Writing Support Services (http://www.ucalgary.ca/writingsupport/) for students seeking feedback on assignments or seeking to improve their general writing skills. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these programs.
Grading Scheme:

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Missed Components of Term Work:

Extensions will NOT be granted on any assignment or quizzes. The only exceptions to this are those in keeping with the University Calendar (debilitating illness, religious conviction, or severe domestic affliction) that are received in writing and with supporting documentation. Please note that while absences are permitted for religious reasons, students are responsible for providing advance notice and adhering to other guidelines on this matter, as outlined in the University Calendar (https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-4.html).

Brightspace by Desire2Learn (D2L)

Brightspace (by D2L) is located on the University of Calgary server and will be used extensively for communication with students. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they receive all posted communications and documents and that they receive emails sent by instructors or fellow students through D2L. Only your @ucalgary.ca email address may be linked to D2L. Please ensure that you are regularly checking your @ucalgary.ca account.

A laptop, desktop, tablet or mobile device is required for D2L access. If you need help accessing or using D2L, please visit the Desire2Learn resource page for students: http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/d2l-student/.

Policies Governing the Course:

Copyright

It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post or distribute to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University’s Fair Dealing Guidance for Students (library.ucalgary.ca/files/library/guidance_for_students.pdf). Further information for students is available on the Copyright Office web page (http://library.ucalgary.ca/copyright)

A Note Regarding Instructor Intellectual Property

Generally speaking, course materials created by professor(s) (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing
sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

Academic Accommodations Based on Disability or Medical Condition
Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Accommodations on Protected Grounds other than Disability
Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor or to the designated BCR program contact, Mrs. Jennifer Logan (jjlogan@ucalgary.ca), or to Dr. Ebba Kurz, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Health and Science Education, Cumming School of Medicine. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf.

Academic Misconduct
The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. The University of Calgary has created rules to govern all its members regarding the creation of knowledge and the demonstration of knowledge having been learned. For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html Students are expected to be familiar with these standards and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Please know that the University and the Cumming School of Medicine take these rules seriously. All incidences of academic dishonesty in this course, such as cheating and plagiarism, will be reported to the Associate Dean for investigation; infractions will be noted on the record of a student found to be guilty.

Other Important Information
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Student information will be collected in accordance with typical classroom practice. Students’ assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary

Appeals
If there is a concern with the course, academic matter or a grade, first communicate with the instructor. If these concerns cannot be resolved, students can proceed with an academic appeal, as per Section I of the University Calendar. Students must follow the official reappraisal/appeal process and may contact the Student Ombuds’ Office (http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds) for assistance with this and with any other academic concerns, including academic and non-academic misconduct. Students should be aware that concerns about graded term work may only be initiated within 10 business days of first being notified of the grade. https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html

Resources for Support of Student Learning, Success, Safety and Wellness
Student Success Centre http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/
Student Wellness Centre http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/
Distress Centre http://www.distresscentre.com/
Library Resources http://library.ucalgary.ca
Wellness and Mental Health Resources
The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370 MacEwan Student Centre, https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy (http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/).

Student Ombuds’ Office
The Student Ombuds’ Office supports and provides a safe, neutral space for students. For more information, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/ or email ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Student Union (SU) Information
The SU Vice-President Academic can be reached at (403) 220-3911 or suvpaca@ucalgary.ca.

Student Success Centre
The Student Success Centre provides services and programs to ensure students can make the most of their time at the University of Calgary. Our advisors, learning support staff, and writing support staff assist students in enhancing their skills and achieving their academic goals. They provide tailored learning support and advising programs, as well as one-on-one services, free of charge to all undergraduate and graduate students. For more information visit: https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success
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<td>Bronfenbrenner, U. (1986).</td>
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## Module Three

### Week 9
**March 9**  
**Social Construction—qualitative approaches**  

### Week 10
**March 16**  
**Cultural Competency and impacts of sociocultural factors**  

### Week 11
**March 23**  
**Sibling impacts, parental roles; mothers fathers grandparents**  
- Ravindran N, & Myers B (2012)  
- National Association of Friendship Centres (2006)

### Week 12
**March 30**  
**Family centredness and professional partnerships and collaboration**  
- Fialka J (2001)  

### Week 13
**April 6**  
**Family support, Transformation and Empowerment**  
- Bauer P (2011)

### Week 14
**April 13**  
**Conclusion**  
Final thoughts and work on project
List of Required Readings


