

Virginia Western Community College

MEN 121

Intellectual Disabilities I

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Explores current problems and social, cultural and legal issues involved in therapeutic interventions for understanding and programs relating to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Drew, C. J. (2007). *Intellectual Disabilities Across the Lifespan*. 9th ed. ISBN-13: 9780131707344

Recommended Textbook:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed). Washington, D.C.: author.

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Discuss the historical foundations of working with people with intellectual, cognitive and behavioral disabilities
- Use established criteria for defining intellectual, cognitive and behavioral disabilities and determine the appropriate educational classification and support system for that individual.
- Discuss multicultural concerns related to intellectual, cognitive and behavioral disabilities.
- Identify and discuss social, environmental, legal and ethical issues related to intellectual, cognitive and behavioral disabilities throughout the lifespan.
- Identify interventions and culturally responsive approaches for working with persons with intellectual, cognitive and behavioral disabilities.
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of the use of APA style.

Topical Description

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1	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
2	Autism Spectrum Disorders
3	Learning Disabilities
4	Intellectual Disabilities
5	Legal Issues in Special Education
6	Medicaid Waiver and Funding Programs
7	Community Resources
8	Residential and In-Home Support Services
9	Family Support Programs
10	Therapeutic Best Practices

Notes to Instructors

None