

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**COURSE OUTLINE – SPRING/SUMMER 2026****OA2000 (EC): OFFICE SIMULATIONS – 3 (5-3.5-0) 60 Hours for 7 Weeks**

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS:	Appointments can be made via email		

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course utilizes hands-on simulations that provide students an authentic learning experience putting into practice the skills needed to succeed in an office environment. The office simulation course integrates a wide variety of skills and knowledge through practical work experiences in a simulated office environment. Teamwork as well as the use of technical and communication skills will be emphasized with a major group project for which class time is allotted.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

OA 1365 AND OA1215

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Berry, Duthie, & Miller. 2025. Administrative Assistant: Simulated Projects, Third Edition. Northrose Educational Resources. Whitby, ON: ISBN: 9781989941775

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Online – This type of course will be offered entirely online using Northwestern Polytechnic's learning management system: MyClass (D2L). There are no set class times and students attend remotely and asynchronously.

This is a paced online course, meaning there are weekly requirements that must be met.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- create and submit payroll information,
- create documents and handwritten notes
- prioritize, organize, and work towards different effective time management.
- edit and proofread accurately
- problem solve and critically think
- hone listening skills
- communicate clearly (written and verbal)
- operate office equipment, software, and resources
- apply business and personal ethics
- demonstrate professionalism and integrity
- demonstrate ethical accountability
- set priorities for effectiveness and efficiency
- make a substantial organizational and strategic contribution to a real world project
- demonstrate effective teamwork skills

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

Simulation Project Work:	50%
Professionalism:	10%
Volunteerism/Real World Project Work	15%
Final Project:	25%

GRADING CRITERIA

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit IF your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week	Topic
1	Outline/Course Overview/Textbooks/Course Space & MyClass Real Word Project/Volunteerism Overview Simulation Intro: Working for Berry, Duthie & Miller Simulation Project 1 – Domestic Travel
2	Spreadsheets and Reports – Simulation Project 3
3	Spreadsheets and Reports – Simulation Project 3
4	Meetings – Simulation Project 4
5	Meetings – Simulation Project 4/ Job Marketing Fair – Simulation Project 2
6	Job Marketing Fair - Simulation Project 2
7	Employability Project – Professional Portfolios

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Email: Email is the preferred option to communicate with your instructor. Email correspondence to your instructor must be sent from your NWP student email account. Emails should be professionally formatted and include a subject, salutation, correct spelling and grammar, and a reference to course material and/or textbook pages, etc. Emails that do not adhere to this format may not be responded to.

Testing And Exam Policies: All quizzes will be written as scheduled. No rewrites will be given. If there is an excusable absence, an exemption will be given for that quiz. If the absence is not excusable, a grade of 0% will be given. There is no final exam in this course.

The final project will be due as scheduled by the Registrar's Office during final exam week.

Due Dates: Work must be submitted to MyClass and/or the instructor by the due date and time given. No lates will be accepted.

NWP Policies: To read, understand and comply with NWP policies.

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available here:
<https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

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