



Grande Prairie Regional College

School of Health Wellness and **Career Studies**

Office Administration Department

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2012

OA 2250 B2 Skill Building I 1.5 (0-0-3) Introductory Skill Building

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Office Hours	M/F: TBA or by appointment	Class	M/W/F: 9:00 – 9:50 Rm. A307

Prerequisite(s)/corequisite(s):

None

Required Text/Resource Materials:

Skill Building course pack available for sale at the bookstore.

Description:

This course focuses on the development of keyboarding speed and accuracy through proven individualized skill building drills.

Credit/Contact Hours:

1.5 credits/ 45 contact hours

Delivery Mode(s):

Lab

Objectives:

The student will be able to key by touch at a minimum of 25 net words per minute on five-minute copy timed writings.

The students will consistently use proper and proven touch keyboarding technique:

- Eyes on copy
- Back Straight
- Elbows by side
- Wrists level
- Both feet flat on floor
- Correct fingering

Grading Criteria:

Timed tests are worth 100% of your grade. Net Words per Minute will be determined by five minute timings. A combination of timings throughout the semester and the final timings will be used to determine the overall grade. Net Words will be calculated using the following format:

$$\text{Gross Words per Minute minus 2 for each error} = \text{Net Words per Minute.}$$

All drill work must be completed in order to attain a grade in this course. Only those timed writing completed using prescribed touch typing techniques will be accepted for grading. Final Grades will be based on your top 5 minute timed writing. Grades will be assigned on the Letter Grading System.

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Grading Conversion Chart**

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Net Words Per Minute	Designation
A ⁺	4	>=35	EXCELLENT
A	4	34	
A ⁻	3.7	33	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B ⁺	3.3	32	
B	3	31	GOOD
B ⁻	2.7	30	
C ⁺	2.3	29	SATISFACTORY
C	2	28	
C ⁻	1.7	27	
D ⁺	1.3	26	MINIMAL PASS
D	1	25	
F	0	<25	FAIL

Course Schedule/Timeline:

See Attached Calendars and Grade Sheets. **ALL DRILL WORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO ATTAIN A GRADE IN THIS COURSE.**

Final Grades will be based on your top 5 minute timed writing.

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