

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES  
COURSE OUTLINE - FALL 1995

**COURSE:**

RP1102 OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENT

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 - 11:20 a.m.

**INSTRUCTOR:**

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

**TEXT:**

Alberto, Paul A, and Troutman, Anne C. (1995). Applied Behavior Analysis for Teachers (4th ed).

Additional readings will be placed on reserve in the LRC.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This course provides an introduction to assessment methods used in rehabilitation services.

Successful students will demonstrate an awareness of basic psychometric principles, the appropriate use of the more popular psychological tests, the strengths and weaknesses of observation as an assessment technique, and the theoretical principles underlying behavioural assessment. Additionally, successful students will demonstrate knowledge of and ability to use the various techniques used in behavioural observation and the appropriate use of ecological inventories.

**EVALUATION:**

Exams

The four exams in this course will cover material presented in class and in required text-book/reserve readings.

Exam dates are included in the course timetable. Exam #1 and the final are comprehensive. Exams #2 and #3 will cover material presented since the preceding exam. Exams will include multiple choice and short written answers.

Exams will be given the following weights:

Exam # 1	10%
Exam # 2	10%
Exam # 3	10%
Final	20%

### Assignments

There are five assignments weighted at 10% each. Topics and due dates are attached. Details will be discussed in class.

### Grades

9	90 - 100%
8	80 - 89%
7	72 - 79%
6	65 - 71%
5	57 - 64%
4	50 - 56%
3	45 - 49%
2	26 - 44%
1	0 - 25%

To obtain credit for this course students must achieve a minimum of 65% or a 6.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

There is no formal policy on attendance in this course. However, students are strongly recommended to attend regularly, and will be accountable for missed content and in-class announcements. The instructor will not provide students with missed or lost notes/handouts.

Students who miss exams due to illness will be permitted a re-write after submitting a medical certificate. The instructor reserves the right to determine validity of additional reasons.

Assignments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the day on which they are due. Late assignments will be penalized at a rate of 5% per day.

**TIMETABLE:**  
(subject to change)

		TOPIC AND CHAPTER	
Week beginning	Sept	4	Course outline/overview
		11	Introduction to Assessment (Reserve)
		18	Standardized Tests (Reserve) Guest speaker
		25	Introduction to Observation (Reserve)
	Oct	2	EXAM #1 (Oct 4) Behavioural Assessment (1) (A) Theoretical Issues
		9	(B) Behavioural Observation (3) -Behavioural Objectives
		16	(B) Behavioural Observation (5) -Observation Methods
		23	(B) Behavioural Observation (4) -Observation Methods
		30	EXAM #2 (Nov 1) (B) Behavioural Observation (4) -Observation Methods
	Nov	6	(B) Behavioural Observation (4) -Graphing/Review
		13	(C) Task Analysis (Reserve) (D) Ecological Inventories
		20	(D) Ecological Inventories (Reserve) EXAM #3 (Nov 24)
		27	Practical Issues
	Dec	4	Ethical Issues (2) Review

Final Exam: Scheduled by the Registrar