

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

RP1107 ORIENTATION TO HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES

**Class Times:** Monday, 1:30 - 2:50  
Wednesday, 1:30 - 2:50

**Credits:** 4 (45 hours theory; 30 hours practice)

**Location:** B309

**Instructor:** Marsha Zalik

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**Course Description:**

This course is designed to familiarize students with agencies and services available to people with handicapping conditions in the Grande Prairie region. Guest speakers will visit the classroom to talk about their agencies and experiences. Where possible, fieldtrips will be arranged.

About every fourth class will be devoted to discussion about the presentations/fieldtrips. This will provide students with the opportunity to apply concepts from other courses (especially RP1100) to the information that was presented.

Students are also required to complete 30 hours of volunteer work related to the field. (If you have previous work or volunteer experience, this requirement may be waived. See the instructor if you think this might apply to you.)

**Text:** None

**Class Format:**

Guest speakers/panels, field trips, and discussions will take up the majority of class time.

### Course Objectives:

#### Students will:

1. become familiar with the nature and scope of agency services.
2. gain awareness of how community agencies strive to address the needs of people who have handicapping conditions.
3. gain awareness of the role of rehabilitation practitioners in various agencies.
4. apply material covered in theory courses to the practice of (re)habilitation as described by presenters and observed on fieldtrips.
5. recognize practices that promote dignity and enhance the image of people served.
6. interact with people served by an agency.
7. interact with employees of an agency.

#### Grading:

This course is credited on a credit/no credit basis.

#### Credit Requirements:

1. Students are required to attend all sessions, conduct themselves appropriately and participate in discussions with guest speakers.
2. Students must submit a completed Presentation Summary Form following each guest speaker/panel/field trip.
3. Students must submit a completed Volunteer Log for a minimum of 30 hours.

#### Rules and Regulations:

Attendance is **COMPULSORY** in this course. Students will be required to research and submit reports on any presentation/field trips/panel discussions they have missed. Absences may result in no credit.