

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE**  
**REHABILITATION SERVICES DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

**RP2320 CROSS-CULTURAL ISSUES** **15 HOURS 1 CREDIT**

Fall 1993 - September 3 - October 29, 1993

**CLASS:** Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

**LOCATION:** G111

**PRE-REQUISITE** RP1100

**PRE OR COREQUISITE** RP2303

**INSTRUCTOR:** Betty Barton

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office - H229  
Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
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**DESCRIPTION**

Cross-Cultural issues discusses cultural differences with respect to values, roles and communication styles and the impact culture has on people's lives. The course will cover these aspects relating to the students own culture as well as the implications of the diversity of cultural backgrounds in the region. There is an emphasis on Native culture. The major focus of the course is for the students to realize the impact one's culture has on his/her values, beliefs and behaviours thus increasing tolerance of people of different cultural backgrounds.

**TEXT**

A required booklet of compiled readings is available through the College bookstore. It may be supplemented by reserve readings and reference material.

## **CLASS FORMAT**

The course will consist of lectures, guest speakers, videos, discussions and class presentations. Student participation and contribution will play an important role in facilitating learning throughout this course.

## **OBJECTIVES**

On completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define "culture" and discuss its components.
2. Develop an awareness of his/her own culture and the values and behaviours that are connected with it.
3. Understand the impact culture has on people's perceptions and the resulting misunderstandings that lead to stereotyping and prejudice.
4. Be aware of how culture affects one's perception of people with disabilities.
5. Compare and contrast cultural values and behaviours of the traditional Native with the dominant Canadian culture.
6. Discuss the repercussions of the history of Natives in Western Canada.
7. Discuss in-depth, the values and behaviours of a specific cultural group of people in Alberta.

## **EVALUATION**

Cultural Journey	20%	September 24, 1993
Exam	40%	October 29, 1993
Presentation	30%	
Participation	10%	