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Syllabus

Using Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) To Increase Independence and Employability

COMD 499 Section 79
(1 credit)

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Course Description

This course will enhance the students' understanding of how important communication is for all individuals. The challenges facing individuals with complex communication needs (CCN) directly impacts their successful independence and employment within their communities. Students will learn about different AAC strategies that will enhance their successful participation in their own communities.

Learner Outcomes:

1. Students will increase their awareness of the various AAC competencies individuals with CCN must develop for successful independence and employment.
2. Students will learn different strategies that will support independence and enhance individuals with CCN to gain success in employment settings.
3. Students will increase their awareness of the vocabulary that individuals with CCN need to successfully participate in a variety of communication settings.
4. Students will increase their awareness of Wisconsin Medicaid requirements associated with funding of AAC voice out-put devices.

Course Requirements:

Students will write a 2-4 page, double spaced, professionally written reflection paper on 2 of the presentations they attended. The focus of this paper should address the content of the presentations and how they will implement this information with individuals they are involved with who have complex communication needs.

This paper is worth 50 points and late papers will be accepted, however 5 points will be deducted each day that the paper is late. **Papers are due by Wednesday, September 18, 2008.** Papers can be emailed to me at gcumley@uwsp.edu and should be written using Microsoft Word. Paper can also be mailed to Dr. Gary Cumley at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, The Center for Communicative Disorders, 1901 4th Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481. Papers will be considered late if they are postmarked after September 18, 2008.