POTH 634 CHILDHOOD PERFORMANCE ISSUES

Credits: 3

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COURSE STRUCTURE / DESCRIPTION
A lecture seminar course, which examines specialized interventions of the occupational therapist in developmental paediatrics.

COURSE OBJECTIVES / LEARNING OUTCOMES
On completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify key steps in the clinical reasoning process and apply them to OT interventions, which are specific to infants and children in developmental paediatrics. (Scholarly Practitioner)
2. Relate the fundamental processes of impairment, disability and handicap to the occupational performance of infants and children. (Scholarly Practitioner)
3. Explain how the motor and sensory systems influence movement and learning in children. (Scholarly Practitioner)
4. Identify key studies in the literature that address the quality of the evidence for motor and sensory system influence on functional outcomes. (Scholarly Practitioner)
5. In different professional contexts, be able to apply the process of clinical reasoning. (Scholarly Practitioner)

METHOD OF EVALUATION
Class/Seminar Participation (individual) 10%
Assignment 1 – therapeutic activities (individual) 20%
Clinical Intervention Project Presentation (dyad) 30%
Clinical Intervention Project Report (dyad) 40%

PARTICIPATION (10%)
Participation will be assessed through the semester during the lectures and the communications with the instructors and evaluation will be based on the provided grid.

STUDENT EVALUATION
Case-Based Assignment 1 (20%):

Clinical Intervention Project:
You will be assigned in teams to children’s treatment facilities in the Montreal area and given the opportunity to work with a child. You are expected to be onsite on three occasions during the semester and individually meet with the course instructor in between these sessions in order to carry out your project.
Project Presentation (30%)
- In an organized and professional manner, present a class seminar (20 minutes) that describes the process of the clinical evaluation and intervention.

Project Report (40%)
- Submit your final report for your intervention together describing your clinical intervention project, which includes your reflection and integration of the discussion that occurred during the individual consultation with the course instructor.
- In addition, submit a 1-2 page Summary of Findings to the clinical site.

Plagiarism/Academic Integrity: McGill University and the Faculty of Medicine value academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the McGill University Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures and the Faculty of Medicine Code of Conduct.

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Right to submit in English or French written work that is to be graded: In accord with McGill University’s Charter of Students’ Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

Conformément à la Charte des droits de l’étudiant de l’Université McGill, chaque étudiant a le droit de soumettre en français ou en anglais tout travail écrit devant être noté (sauf dans le cas des cours dont l’un des objets est la maîtrise d’une langue).

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all lectures and off-site activities, as well as actively participate in class discussions.

Professional Conduct: Professionalism and accountability are expected throughout the course of the semester. This includes the on-going respectful nature of teacher-student as well as student-student interactions.

Dress Code: Professionalism with respect to dressing is encouraged throughout the course of the semester. It is each student’s responsibility to have appropriate attire during all class assignments and learning activities. Students are expected to wear their nametags during off-site activities.

Disability: If you have a disability please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. To receive accommodations, students must be registered with the Office for Students with Disabilities (contact: 514-398-6009).

Technology in Class: Your respectful attentive presence is expected, therefore, while students are permitted to use their laptop in class, it is understood that you will not be using your laptop or cell-phone for social purposes during class time. Your cell phone
should be on silent-mode during class time and phone calls should only take place during the break or after class.

Diversity: The Occupational Therapy Program recognizes our responsibility to foster a learning environment where students and instructors can engage in dialogue and exchange ideas without being made to feel unwelcome or disrespected in view of their identity or beliefs. The Program intends that the instructional design of all courses minimize any barriers to participation, particularly barriers based on age, biological sex, disability, gender identity or expression, indigenous ancestry, linguistic and cultural background, race/ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, political views/opinions/ideologies, and any other aspect integral to one’s personhood. We therefore recognize our responsibility, both individual and collective, to strive to establish and maintain a respectful environment that is free from discrimination.

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Course Evaluations: End-of-term course evaluations are one of the ways that McGill works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the learning experience of students. You will be notified by e-mail when the evaluations are available on Minerva/Mercury, the online course evaluation system. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the end-of-term course evaluations. Please note that a minimum number of responses must be received for results to be available to students.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University’s control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.