

OCC1 620 WORK AND ERGONOMICS

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: Successful completion of all QY courses including clinical affiliation requirements

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Course Structure: One 2-hour class per week.

Course Description: The focus of this course is on occupational therapy evaluation and intervention in vocational rehabilitation, work safety and injury prevention. This course will introduce students to the principles of vocational rehabilitation including job demands analysis, functional capacity evaluation, work hardening and return to work. This course will examine the environmental influences on work, the ergonomic principles and assessment, and the fitting of the workplace to the capabilities of the human worker. Aspects of promotion of work safety and injury prevention will also be covered.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, the student will be expected to:

1. Define and discuss ergonomic principles and their application to rehabilitation
2. Conduct an ergonomic evaluation of an office workstation and suggest recommendations for improvement
3. Define, discuss and critically evaluate functional capacity evaluation protocols
4. Conduct a worksite job tasks analysis that evaluates the work environment and the job tasks in a given job
5. Evaluate and elaborate upon intervention strategies to reduce occupational performance barriers limiting clients' ability to return to work
6. Develop safe and effective return to work rehabilitation programs

Instructional Methods: With the use of different teaching methods (lectures, labs, field trips and assignments), the students will be introduced to the main components of vocational rehabilitation (job tasks analysis, functional capacity evaluation, work hardening, work modification, and return to work). Specific vocational rehabilitation concerns regarding developmental disabilities, psychosocial issues, traumatic head injuries and mental health are presented. Ergonomic principles are introduced.

Course Materials: Each class will have a designated list of readings and class notes. The class notes and reading list will be posted on 'My Courses'.

Required Texts:

1. Jacobs, K, Ed. (2008), *Ergonomics for Therapists*. 3rd edition. Elsevier: Toronto
2. Radomski MV & Trombly Latham CA (2008) Occupational Therapy for Physical Dysfunction. 6th Edition, Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins: Baltimore.

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Student Assignment and Evaluation: A detailed description of the evaluations will be provided as part of the course schedule on the first day of class.

Special Requirements for Course Completion and Program Continuation: In order to pass the course, a grade of at least B- (65%) must be obtained as a total course mark. This course falls under the regulations concerning theoretical and practical evaluation as well as individual and group evaluation. Please refer to the section on marks in the Rules and Regulations for Student Evaluation and Promotion of the Occupational Therapy Course Guides.

Plagiarism/Academic Integrity: McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information.)

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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.

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Attendance: Students are expected to attend all lectures and actively participate in class discussions. 10% of the course mark will be removed at the instructors' discretion for lack of participation and/or attendance.

Consequences of not completing assignments as requested: Assignments are to be submitted in hard copy at the end of class (3:30 pm) on the due date. Late or incomplete submission of assignments will be penalized per day, including weekends, as indicated in the marking scheme for each assignment.

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.

Disability: If you have a disability please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. It would be helpful if you contact the Office for Students with Disabilities at 514-398-6009 before you do this.

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

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