A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: None

Introduction to disabilities prepares students who desire to learn about and potentially work in the field of disabilities. Using a diversity model and social perspective approach, students learn about issues common to persons with diverse disabilities. Perspectives of disabilities that recognize disability as a culture and acknowledge the potential and capabilities of persons with disabilities are offered. Course materials include definitions, psychosocial considerations and societal perspectives.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/15/2010 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Acquire a basic understanding of the etiology of common disabilities.
2. Be informed of the current research and trends in the field of disabilities including the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
3. Demonstrate the use of appropriate terminology relevant to the field of disabilities.
4. Determine the societal barriers and challenges affecting persons with disabilities.
5. Identify primary disability services related to text and web research material.
6. Learn what interventions are helpful when working and interacting with persons with disabilities.
7. Recognize the significance of individuals with disabilities in society.
8. Understand the psychosocial issues affecting persons with disabilities.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None