A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

Disability Rights: History and Current Trends traces the history, policies, and individual and group empowerment efforts that led to the formation of the disability rights movement. Key legislation including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Rehabilitation Act, and education acts are examined. Future trends in disability policies and civil rights are also explored. The challenges and struggles that persons with disabilities have fought to change in order to gain independence, respect, and opportunities are studied through American perspectives of disability history.


C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze the importance of disability advocacy and leadership in affecting policies and legislation.
2. Describe the historical evolution of persons with disabilities in terms of landmark legislation and policy decisions.
3. Examine disability history using a variety of perspectives.
4. Explore the role of persons with disabilities in forging a "new civil rights".
5. Identify how society perceives the disability culture.
6. Recognize how attitudes and beliefs about disability impact the development of legislation and policy-making.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None