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| **Auburn University**  **Department of Rehabilitation, Special Education, and Counseling** |
| **COURSE NUMBER: RSED 4140 Assessment in Special Education:**  **Applications Part II**    **Credit Hours**: 3 semester hours (Lecture 3)  **Time:** Wednesdays 6-8:30  **Prerequisites:** RSED majors only concurrent with Internship  **Office hours:** By appointment |
| **Instructor:** Dr. Peggy Shippen  **Email**: [shippme@auburn.edu](mailto:shippme@auburn.edu)  **Class** **Location:** Haley Center 1218 |
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**1**. **DATE SYLLABUS PREPARED:** August 2015

**2.** **TEXT:**

Hosp, M.K, Hosp., J. L., Howell, K. W. & Allison, R. (2014). *The ABC’s of CBM: A Practical Guide to Effective Decision Making.* *G*uilford: NY, NY.

Burns, M.K., & Parker, D.C. (2014). *Curriculum-based assessment for instructional design: Using data to individualize instruction*. *G*uilford: NY, NY.

**3. SELECTED READINGS**

CBM Manuals on Canvas

**4. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course provides students with a framework for understanding the purposes and processes that underlie various forms of educational assessments, with emphasis on application assessment of students with disabilities. The course provides opportunities for application of concepts in assessment in special education as well as administration, review of curriculum based assessment data. The course covers how to use assessment data to inform instructional planning and IEP goal development.

**5. COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion of this course students will:

1. Describe, analyze, and demonstrate progress monitoring strategies and interpret data. 

2. Use informal assessment procedures and interpret results.

3. Explain different purposes for informal assessment of students with disabilities

4. Demonstrate knowledge and sensitivity for special needs testing.

5. Develop collaborative and consultation skills through involvement in clinical activities

6. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts of assessment (e.g., terminology, reasons for testing, use of testing data)

7. Describe and discuss the legal and ethical considerations in assessment.

8. Review informal assessment methods and instruments directly related to the IEP of a school-aged student with a disability

9. Administer and interpret assessment procedures for a variety of curricular areas.

10. Develop standards-based IEP goals.

1. **COURSE CONTENT (Tentative Schedule):**

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| **Date** | **Topics** | **Readings Completed**  **for Class** | | **Assignments Due** |
| **Week 1**  **Aug. 19** | Cover Syllabus  Course meeting schedule | CBE, CBA, and CBM | | Identify a student in your internship site |
| **Week 2**  **Aug. 26** | Eligibility in Special Education | Alabama Administrative Code and ALSDE Monitoring Checklists | | Teacher Permission to access an academic goal on focus student IEP |
| **Week 3**  **Sept. 2** | Considerations of Informal Assessments | CBM Manuals on Canvas  Hosp Ch. 1  Burns Ch. 1 | |  |
| Overview of CBE  The Instructional Level | Hosp Ch. 2  Burns Ch. 2 | |  |
| **Week 4**  **Sept. 9** | CBE Process Phase 1  CBA-ID as an Assessment Tool | Hosp Ch. 3  Burns Ch. 3 | |  |
| CBE Process Phase 2  CBA-ID for Reading | Hosp Ch. 4  Burns Ch. 4 | | **Reading Fluency and Comprehension Assessment** |
| **Week 5**  **Sept. 16** | **Exam 1** | | | |
| CBE Process Phase 2  CBA-ID for Math | | Hosp Ch. 5  Burns Ch. 5 | **Math Assessment** |
| **Week 6**  **Sept. 23** | CBE Process Phase 3  CBA-ID for Early Writing | | Hosp Ch. 6  Burns Ch. 6 | **Writing Assessment** |
| **Week 7**  **Sept. 30** | Trouble Shooting CBE  CBA-ID Instruction/Intervention | | Hosp Ch. 7  Burns Ch. 7 | Graphs of CBMs |
| **Week 8**  **Oct. 7** | **No Class Meeting- Work on Progress Monitoring Portfolio** | | | |
| **Week 9**  **Oct. 14** | **Progress Monitoring Portfolio - first internship site due- Graphs of CBMs**  **and Exam 2** | | | |
| **Week 10**  **Oct. 21** | Keeping CBE Process Going  CBA-ID In Action | Hosp Ch. 8  Burns Ch. 8 | |  |
| **Week 11**  **Oct. 28** | IEP Goal Development |  | | Bring Examples |
| **Week 12**  **Nov. 4** | **No Class Meeting- Work on Assignments** | | | |
| **Week 13**  **Nov. 11** | CBM Manuals on Canvas and other Resources |  | |  |
| **Week 14**  **Nov. 18** | Progress Monitoring Elementary and Secondary | Article | |  |
| **Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23-27** | | | | |
| **Week 15**  **Dec. 2** | **Progress Monitoring Portfolio - second internship site Due- Graphs of CBMs**  **and Exam 3** | | | |

**7. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Exams.**

There will be three examinations during the semester. Examinations will be a combination of objective and short answer items **(20 points each).**

1. **Progress Monitoring Portfolio of School Age Student with a Disability (30 points)**

The original signed “consent to test form” should be the first page of portfolio.

Each student will (a) administer, score, and interpret the results for the following curriculum based measurement with a school-aged student with a disability, and (b) interpret the CBM results (error patterns) through scoring. These CBMS will be accessible on ***Canvas*** or from the instructor. **The actual IEP goals of the school-aged student with a disability will guide the progress monitoring process; therefore each student will have unique portfolios and may not need all areas below to be progress monitored**.

Review special education paperwork including student IEP goals and objectives for the focus student. Collect data twice a week on goals of your teacher’s choosing using either his/her current data collection system or new one you develop. Then graph data each week and analyze patterns. Include written narrative notes. This assignment is to be completed weekly starting week 3 and shown to instructor. You will bring graph, actual data, and written narrative notes. You will implement an academic goal from a focus student’s IEP. Implementation will include **at least three baseline data points related** to the goal and **a minimum of 5 progress monitoring** data collection sessions:

Reading Fluency: 8 reading fluency CBMs (wpm, errors, wcpm)

Reading Comprehension: 8 maze CBMs (% correct)

Math: 8 math calculation CBMs (correct digits)

Spelling: 8 spelling CBMs (words spelled correctly/correct letter sequences

Written Expression: 8 written expression CBMs (correct word sequences)

1. **Standards-Based IEP goals. (10 points)**

Each student will develop five standards-based IEP goals for a student in their internship site(s) that is NOT the focus student for the portfolio. These goals will need to contain the required elements discussed in class in order to receive full credit.

**8. GRADING AND EVALUATION**:

**Student Evaluation**: Student performance in the class will be determined according to the following point assignments and scale**.**

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| **Assignment** | **Points** |
| Exam 1 | 20 |
| Exam 2 | 20 |
| Exam 3 | 20 |
| Progress Monitoring Project | 30 |
| Standards-Based IEP Goals | 10 |
| **TOTAL** | **100** |

**Grading Scale:**

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

Below 59 F

**9. CLASS POLICY:**

1. **Class Policy Statements:**

*Following are AU recommended class policy statements. Any modifications are to be approved by the department head who will consult as needed with the associate dean for academic affairs to ensure consistency with university policies.*

1. Participation: Students are expected to participate in all class discussions and participate in all exercises. Assignments are due on announced dates. Unexcused late assignments are unacceptable. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed work. Students must satisfy all course objectives to pass the course.
2. **Excused Absences**:  Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons:  Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for University classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, and religious holidays.  Students who wish to have an excused absence from this class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission.  The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the absence.  Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please see the [Student Policy eHandbook](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/) for more information on excused absences (<http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/>).
3. **Make-Up Policy:**Arrangement to make up missed major examination (e.g. hour exams, mid-term exams) due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absences.  Except in unusual circumstances, such as continued absence of the student or the advent of University holidays, a make-up exam will take place within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins.  The format of the make-up exam will be (as specified by instructor).
4. **Disability Accommodations:** Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. To set up the meeting, please contact the instructor by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).
5. Honesty Code:  All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the [*Student Policy eHandbook*](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/) will apply to this class.  All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.
6. Course contingency: If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, and addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

*In addition to the university recommended statements noted above, College of Education syllabi are to include the following statement:*

1. Professionalism: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

* Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
* Contribute to collaborative learning communities
* Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
* Model and nurture intellectual vitality

**Student Academic Grievance Policy:** The purpose of this university policy is to “resolve academic grievances of students, which results from actions of faculty or administration. This resolution should be achieved at the lowest level and in the most equitable way. The burden of proof rests with the complainants.” See University Policy Site for steps toward redress <https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/default.aspx>.

**Confidentiality:** Respect family rights to privacy, the identity of children and families will be confidential.