###### RSED 4120

Independent Living Services in Rehabilitation

***Fall 2021***

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**Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, & Counseling**

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**SYLLABUS**

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**1. Course Number: RSED 4120**

Course Title: Independent Living Services in Rehabilitation

Credit Hours: 3 semester hours

**Prerequisites: none**

**Corequisites: none**

**Time: Tuesday 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

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**2. SYLLABUS PREPARED**: August 2021

**3. TEXTBOOK:** Instructors will provide you with generated materials or direct you to suggested references or materials.

**4. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The independent living movement is an important part of the broader movement for disability rights. It is based on the premise that people with even the most significant disabilities should have the choice of living in the community and taking control of their lives. This can be accomplished through the creation of personal assistance services allowing an individual to manage his or her personal care, to keep a home, to have a job, go to school, worship, and otherwise participate in the life of the community. The independent living movement also advocates for the removal of architectural and transportation barriers that prevent people with disabilities from sharing fully in all aspects of our society.

Although there were earlier experiments with this concept, it wasn’t until 1972 that the first Center for Independent Living was founded by disability activists in Berkeley, California. By the turn of the century there were hundreds of such centers all across the United States, and throughout much of the rest of the world. In the meantime, a series of landmark court decisions, along with sustained advocacy by people with disabilities for legislation such as the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975; and most notably the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, have secured for Americans with disabilities unprecedented access to their civil rights, and thus to the society around them.

In addition the course will provide students with an understanding various health professionals play in assisting people with disabilities in gaining and maintaining the internal and external resources needed to live life independently.

**5. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Students will develop a basic understanding of the history, and legislative influences as well as the purpose of Independent Living.
2. Students will develop a basic understanding of Systems Advocacy and Self-Advocacy.
3. Students will learn about court decisions impacting independent living.
4. Students will develop a basic understanding of how families and consumers have impacted disability policy through advocacy.
5. Students will develop a basic understanding of the philosophy of Independent Living and the historical perspectives of the independent living movement.
6. Students will develop a basic understanding of the five core services Centers for Independent Living provide.
7. Students will develop a basic understanding of the role Centers for Independent Living play in transitioning persons with disabilities into the community.
8. Students will develop an understanding of the various health professionals involved in working with clients with disabilities and how the independent Living movement shaped attitudes such as client centered care.

**6. COURSE CONTENT & SCHEDULE:**

**Week 1**

August 17

* An introduction to the course including requirements, coursework and expectations of students and professor.
* It’s Our Story, Disability History
* Online Discussion

**Week 2**

August 24

* How Accessible Are We? People First Language
* Disability History, Independent Living Movement
* Online Discussion

**Week 3**

August 31

* Extraordinary Bodies, Freedom of Movement
* Freedom of Movement
* Reading/Viewing Assignment <http://www.ilru.org/sites/default/files/freedom_of_movement.pdf>
* Online Discussion

**Week 4**

September 7

* Disability Rights Laws
* Online Discussion

**Week 5**

September 14

* Disability Rights Laws
* Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
  + Section 503
  + Section 504
  + Section 508
  + Amendments creating Independent Living Centers (Title VII)
  + History & Regulations to VR Programs
* Disability Rights Laws

1. ADA -Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
2. ADAAA -Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008

* Online Discussion

**Week 6**

September 21

* Institutionalization
  + Belchertown State School and Ruth Sienkiewicz
  + ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities

**Week 7**

September 28

* Disability in America, the Legislative Response
* Review for Mid-Term
* Mid-Term – On Canvas

**Week 8**

October 5

* Independent Living Movement
* Centers for Independent Living, Core Services Provided
* Online Discussion

**Week 9**

October 12

* Health Professional Terminology for Independent Living/Client Centered Care
* Independent Living – Children / Elderly
* online discussion

**Week 10**

October 19

* State of Alabama Independent Living – SAIL
* Assistive Technology
* online discussion

**Week 11**

October 26

* Careers in Independent Living
* Advocacy in Independent Living, Quality of Life
* online discussion

**Week 12**

November 2

* Quality of Life, Independent Living Plans
* Disability Pride
* online discussion

**Week 13**

November 9

* Developing Independent Living Plans & Programs
* Disability in the Media & Designing for Disability
* online discussion

**Week 14**

November 16

* Developing Independent Living Plans & Programs
* Independent Living Plan Project Discussion
* Online Discussion

**Thanksgiving Break**

**Week 15**

November 30

* Independent Living Plan Project Discussion & Review for Final

Final Exam On Canvas

\*\* The syllabus/schedule may be revised to accommodate the needs of the students and/or guest speakers. Proper notification will be given if any change in schedule or assignments occurs.

**7. COURSE REQUIREMENTS/EVALUATION:**

**A. Examinations**: There will be two examinations. A midterm and final. The exams will cover material covered in class lectures, reading assignments, and handouts. The exams are 30 **points each** for a total of 60 **points.**

**B. Class Participation**

This section includes, but not limited to in-class assignments, quizzes regarding prior sessions material, reflections on in class assignments.

**C. Class Presentation**

Students will prepare and lead a class discussion on a independent living plan of an individual with an acquired or congenital disability. Focus will be on educating peers on diagnosis, systems affected and related ADL deficit areas. In addition students will focus on various health professionals roles in assisting a client-centered plan of care to increase independence with ADL’s.

**8. GRADING & EVALUATION**:

Final grades will be based on points assigned through completion and evaluation of course requirements. The grade for each activity will be expressed as the number of points earned (of the potential number assigned to that activity).

**Assignment/Activity Points** Mid-Term Examination 30 points   
Final Examination 30 points

Class Presentation/Discussion 30 points

Class Participation 10 points  
*Total available points 100 points*

**Grading Scale**

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 59 and below

**9. COURSE EVALUATION:** Student perception and evaluation of the course is valued by the instructor, the department, and the university.

**10. CLASS POLICY STATEMENTS:**

**Participation:** Students are expected to participate in all class discussions and participate in all exercises. 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.

**Attendance:** Attendance is required at each class meeting. Unavoidable excuse from campus, other than illness, must be documented and cleared with the instructor in **advance**. Students are encouraged to attend all classes.

The SERC attendance policy is that (a) only one (1) absence is permitted for a semester course that meets once a week, and (b) only two (2) absences are permitted for a semester course that meets two or more times a week. Failure to meet this standard will result in a grade of ―FA unless the student withdraws from the class prior to the withdrawal date (see university semester calendar). At the discretion of individual instructors, verified absences may be excused under unusual circumstances (see ***Tiger Cub***).

SEE COVID RELATED POLICIES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE.

**Assignments:** All written assignments are expected to conform to the current style manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). Written assignments are expected to be typewritten, grammatically accurate, and free of spelling and typographical errors. Assignments are to be of a quality that would be expected of a professional. Assignments must be turned in the day the assignment is due and during the regularly scheduled class time. Also, assignments must be turned in by the student completing the assignment. **No late assignments** will be accepted unless accompanied by a university approved excuse. If a student misses turning in an assignment and has a university approved excuse, he or she will have **one week** from the time he or she returns to class to turn in the assignment. **NOTE: Any assignments completed and/or submitted that do not comply with the above requirements will be returned and will not be accepted for credit. Exams:** If an exam is missed, a make-up exam will be given only for University approved excuse as outlined in the Tiger Cub. Arrangements to take the make-up exam must be made in advance (i.e., In order for the absence to be considered excusable, however, the instructor must be in receipt of the documentation within seven days from the class in which the absence occurred.) Students who miss a quiz because of illness need a doctor’s statement of verification of sickness and should clear the absence with the instructor the day they return to class.

**Auburn University Policy on Classroom Behavior**: Behavior in the classroom that impedes teaching and learning and creates obstacles to this goal [learning] is considered disruptive and therefore subject to sanctions . . . Students have the responsibility of complying with behavioral standards. . . Examples of improper behavior in the classroom (including the virtual classroom of e-mail, chat rooms, telephony, and web activities associated with courses) may include, but are not limited to the following: arriving after a class has begun; eating or drinking; use of tobacco products monopolizing discussion; persistent speaking out of turn; distractive talking, including cell phone usage; audio or video recording of classroom activities or the use of electronic devices without the permission of the instructor; refusal to comply with reasonable instructor directions; employing insulting language or gestures “ verbal, psychological, or physical threats, harassment, and physical violence.” (See ***Tiger Cub***).

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** Students who need accommodations are asked to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail (rennesr@auburn.edu). Bring a copy of your Accommodation Memo and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. If you do not have an Accommodation Memo but need accommodations, make an appointment with The Office of Accessibility, 1244 Haley Center at 844-2096.

**Honesty Code:** The University Academic Honesty Code and the Tiger Cub Rules and Regulations pertaining to Cheating will apply to this class.

**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 ***Tiger Cub***for steps toward redress.

### COVID Related Policies

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, public health measures have been implemented across Auburn’s campus. Students should stay current with these practices and expectations through the campus reentry plan, [A Healthier U (Links to an external site.)](https://ahealthieru.auburn.edu/). The sections below provide expectations and conduct related to COVID-19 issues.

HEALTH AND PARITICPATION IN CLASS

You are expected to complete your Healthcheck screener daily.

Your health and safety, and the health and safety of your peers, are my top priorities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you discover that you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms or who have tested positive, you must follow the instructions on the Healthcheck app. My hope is that if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you will stay home to protect others.

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

* Notify me in advance of your absence, if possible
* Provide me with medical documentation, if possible
* Keep up with coursework as much as possible
* Participate in class activities and submit assignments remotely as much as possible
* Notify me if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam
* Finally, if remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness or other COVID-related issues, please let me know as soon as possible so we can discuss your options.

Students with questions about COVID-related illnesses should reach out to the COVID Resource Center at (334) 844-6000 or at [ahealthieru@auburn.edu](mailto:ahealthieru@auburn.edu).

HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESOURCES

These are difficult times, and academic and personal stress is a natural result. Everyone is encouraged to take care of themselves and their peers. If you need additional support, there are several resources on campus to assist you:

* COVID Response Team ([ahealthieru.edu (Links to an external site.)](http://www.ahealthieru.edu/))
* Student Counseling and Psychological Services ([http://wp.auburn.edu/scs/ (Links to an external site.)](http://wp.auburn.edu/scs/))
* AU Medical Clinic ([https://cws.auburn.edu/aumc/ (Links to an external site.)](https://cws.auburn.edu/aumc/)

If you or someone you know are experiencing food, housing or financial insecurity, please visit the Auburn Cares Office ([http://aucares.auburn.edu/ (Links to an external site.)](http://aucares.auburn.edu/))

A HEALTHIER U

We are all responsible for protecting ourselves and our community. Please read about student expectations for fall semester, including completing the daily GuideSafe™ Healthcheck ([https://ahealthieru.auburn.edu/ (Links to an external site.)](https://ahealthieru.auburn.edu/)).

You are expected to (1) take your temperature daily and (2) complete your Healthcheck screener to receive your A Healthier U pass. **You may be asked at any time during class to show your pass.**

COURSE EXPECTATIONS RELATED TO COVID

* **Face Coverings**: As a member of the Auburn University academic community you are required to follow all university guidelines for personal safety with face coverings, physical distancing, and sanitation. Face coverings are required in this class and in all campus buildings. Note that face coverings must meet safety specifications, be worn correctly, and be socially appropriate.  
  You are required to wear your face coverings at all times. If you remove your face covering or are non-compliant with the university’s [policy on face coverings (Links to an external site.)](https://ocm.auburn.edu/news/coronavirus/updates/20200618-face-masks-required.php?ref=coronavirus), you will be instructed to leave the classroom and will be held to the protocols outlined in the [Auburn University Policy on Classroom Behavior (Links to an external site.)](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf). Any student who willfully refuses to wear a face covering and does not have a noted accommodation may be subject to disciplinary action.
* **Physical Distancing**: Students should observe appropriate physical distancing and follow all classroom signage/avoid congregating around doorways before or after class. If the instructional space has designated entrance and exit doors, you should use them. **Students should exit the instructional space immediately after the end of instruction to help ensure social distancing and allow for the persons attending the next scheduled class session to enter.**
* **Course Attendance**: If you are quarantined or otherwise need to miss class because you have been advised that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you will be expected to develop a plan to keep up with your coursework during any such absences.
* **Course Meeting Schedule**: This course might not have a traditional meeting schedule in Fall 2021. Be sure to pay attention to any updates to the course schedule as the information in this syllabus may have changed. Please discuss any questions you have with me.
* **Technology Requirements:**This course may require particular technologies to complete coursework. If you need access to additional technological support, please contact the AU Bookstore at [aubookstore@auburn.edu](mailto:aubookstore@auburn.edu).

Disruptive or concerning classroom behavior involving the failure to wear a face covering, as directed by Auburn University, represents a potential Code of Student Conduct violation and may be reported as a non-academic violation. Please consult the[Classroom Behavior Policy (Links to an external site.)](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf).

COURSE DELIVERY RELATED TO COVIRD

Please be aware that the situation regarding COVID-19 is frequently changing, and the delivery mode of this course may adjust accordingly. In the event that the delivery method is altered, please be assured that the learning goals and outcomes of the course will not change; however, some aspects of the course will change in terms of the mode of delivery, participation, and testing methods. Those details will be shared via Canvas as soon as possible. Please be prepared for this contingency by ensuring that you have access to a computer and reliable Internet.

**The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary**