**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, AND COUNSELING**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**SPRING 2017**

1. **Course Details:**

Course Number: RSED 7950/56

Course Title: Emerging Adulthood and Transition in Rehabilitation

Course Time: Thursdays 4:00 – 6:50 PM

Credit Hours: 3 Semester Hours

Prerequisites: None/enrolled in Rehabilitation Counseling program

Co-requisites: None

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1. **Date Syllabus Prepared:** November, 2014; revised January, 2015; revised January, 2016; revised January 2017
2. **Text or Major Resources:**

**Textbooks**

Wehman, P. (2013). *Life Beyond the Classroom:* *Transition Strategies for young people with disabilities.* Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.

Arnett, J.J. & Tanner, J.T. (Eds.). (2006). Emerging adults in America: Coming of

age in the 21st century. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

**Selected Readings**

1. Halpern, A. S. (1992). Transition: Old wine in new bottles. Exceptional Children,58, 202-211.
2. Trach, J. S. (2012). Degree of Collaboration for Successful Transition Outcomes. Journal Of Rehabilitation, 78(2), 39-48.
3. Plotner, A. J., Trach, J. S., Oertle, K. M., & Fleming, A. R. (2014). Differences in service delivery between transition VR counselors and general VR counselors. Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin, 57(2), 109-115. doi:10.1177/0034355213499075
4. Hinton, V., & Meyer, J. (2014). Emerging adulthood: Resilience and support. Journal of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, 28(3), 143-115.
5. Halpern, A. S. (1993). Quality of life as a conceptual framework for evaluating transition outcomes. Exceptional Children, 59, 486-498.
6. **Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the transition process of youth with disabilities from school to adulthood and employment with an emphasis on the developmental stage emerging adulthood and the services surrounding this specialized area for rehabilitation professionals.
7. **Course Objectives:**

Through assigned readings, course lectures, and course assignments, students will:

* Recognize the importance of family, social networks, and community in the provision of services for and treatment of people with disabilities. (CORE E.6)
* Understand current literature that outlines approaches, strategies, and techniques shown to be effective when working with specific populations of clients with disabilities. (CORE G.4)

General course objectives:

1. Understand the history and evolution of the disability movement from 1960's to the present.
2. Recognize elements common to the various transition movements and understanding models of transition.
3. Identify strategies for rehabilitation personnel to provide meaningful services related to emerging adults.
4. Identify rehabilitation and special education legislation related to transition.
5. Identify the characteristics, beliefs and values of emerging adults.
6. Identify skills and services which students need as they make the transition from school to the community, including community living, the world of work, and continuing education.
7. Examine an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) for an emerging adult.
8. Gain an understanding of the components and makeup of an Individualized Education Program (IEP), transition focused.
9. Identify adult service options for exiting students with disabilities and the policy which drives each service.
10. Understand the trends and unique experiences of emerging adults becoming adults.
11. **Course Requirements/Evaluation:**
12. **General Course Requirements**

Each student will be held responsible for **all** of the information in the textbook and readings assigned for the course. The student should read assigned material appropriate to the topic to be discussed **prior** to class meetings.

1. **Examinations (TOTAL 2 @ 15 points each).** There will be 2 announced examinations

at midterm and final in this course.

1. **Assignments**
2. Discussion activities (TOTAL 33 points (11 discussions @ 3 points each)

On campus students will have in-class discussions. Distance Education students will use the discussion board for their discussions. All students will have the same questions to discuss. All students are to be prepared to utilize their readings and experiences to respond to the questions. In addition to answering three of the discussion questions, you must also respond to two peer responses. Do not reply to the same peers each discussion posting.

DUE: weekly classes

1. Article reviews (TOTAL 12 points (4 reviews x 3 points per article review)

In addition to your textbook readings, you will read and review four of the five journal articles. These articles are the selected readings on the syllabus. The articles are posted on canvas. Your review should articulate your reaction to the reading, implications for service providers, and what you take away from the reading as meaningful information. Was this new information? Was the article redundant? Write about it! Each article review should be 2-4 typed pages in APA format.

DUE: week 4

1. Transition Planning Paper (TOTAL 8 points)

Become familiar with your role as a rehabilitation professional in the Individualized Education Plan and Individualized Transition Plan processes. This is your opportunity to explore the transition portion of the IEP for the rehabilitation counselor and related professionals. Emphasis will be placed on how the document reflects the growing needs of emerging adults. Details/rubric will be forthcoming on this assignment.

DUE: week 14

1. Emerging Adulthood Paper (17 points)

This paper will be an opportunity for the student to reflect on the information learned about emerging adulthood and his/her personal experience, or a youth in your life, or a current client living through the stages of emerging adulthood. This paper will not require external resources aside from the Arnett and Tanner text. Details/rubric will be forthcoming on this assignment.

DUE: Week 15

1. **Class Policy Statements:**

NOTE: To access student policy go to the Student Policy eHandbook found at <<http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/>>.

1. Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes, and will be held responsible for any content covered in the event of an absence.
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 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* for more information on excused absences.
3. Make-Up Policy: Arrangement to make up a 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 of the end of the period of the excused absences(s). Except in unusual circumstances, such as the continued absence of the student or the advent of university holidays, a make-up exam will take place within two weeks of the date that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in an extraordinary circumstance, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins.
4. Written Assignments are expected to be prepared using word processing software, grammatically accurate, and free of spelling and typographical errors. Papers should be written in accordance with the latest edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual. 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 an excuse approved by the university. Please submit your assignment via Canvas. If Canvas is having difficulty, please email me.

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.

1. Academic Honesty Policy: All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) can be found at the link: < <https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/AcademicHonestyCode.pdf>>

found in the *Student Policy eHandbook.* This codewill apply to all university courses. 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.

1. 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. 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. 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).
2. 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, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.
3. Professionalism: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, students are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework outlined at the link: <<http://education.auburn.edu/aboutus/conceptfmwrk.html>. > 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

**Note: 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, telephone, 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 ***Student Policy eHandbook*** link: <<https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf>>

1. **Course outline:**

This is an on campus and distance education blended course. As such, the DE section is required to have proctors to participate in this course. In this course the midterm and final exams require proctoring. All other assignments are uploaded through CANVAS. Lectures are taped and uploaded to CANVAS for all students.

**January 12** Week 1 No Class

**January 19** Week 2 Residency Week

Course Introduction and overview for all students (7950/56)

Arnett & Tanner Chapter 1

Emerging Adulthood

Wehman Chapter 1

Introduction to Transition

**January 26** Week 3

Arnett & Tanner Chapter 2

Recentering During Emerging Adulthood

Wehman Chapter 2

Self Determination

Test, Aspel and Everson Chapter 5

Interagency Collaboration

**February 2** Week 4

Arnett & Tanner Chapters 3, 4

Emerging Structures of Adult Thought

Risks and Benefits to Identity Formation

Wehman Chapter 3

Families and Young People with Disabilities

**February 9** Week 5

Arnett & Tanner Chapters 5, 6, 7

Ethnic identity exploration in emerging adults

Mental Health & Resilience

Wehman Chapter 5

Multicultural Transition Planning

**February 16** Week 6

Arnett & Tanner Chapter 8, 9, 10

Family relationships and support systems in emerging adults

Wehman Chapter 4: Transition Planning

**February 24** Week 7

Arnett & Tanner Chapter 11, 12

School, Work, Emerging Adulthood

Wehman Chapter 6, Transition Planning- Special Education, Rehabilitation Services, and the world of work

**March 2** Week 8 **MIDTERM EXAM**

**March 9** Week 9

Transition Planning: Pre-employment Transition Services.

Karen Jenkins, ADRS, Guest lecture

**March 15** Week 10 **SPRING BREAK ☺**

**March 23** Week 11

Wehman Chapter 7, 10, 11

Full Inclusion into Schools

Assessment and Teaching for Transition

Teaching Social Skills

Paige Tidwell, UGA, IHDD. Guest lecture

**March 30** Week 12

Wehman Chapter 13

Securing Meaningful Work in the Community: Vocational Internships, Placements and Careers

Tina Dortch, ADRS, Guest Lecture

Opportunities to secure employment will be highlighted

**April 6** Week 13

Wehman Chapter 14

Developing Job for Young People with Disabilities

Leucking Chapters 1, 2, & 4

Transition Planning and Emerging Adults

**April 13** Week 14

Wehman Chapter 12, 15

Using Technology from School to Adulthood

Pursuing Postsecondary Education

**April 20** Week 15 Final Review

**April 27** Week 16 Final Exam