KIN 585: DISABILITY SPORTS
(3 credits)
University of Rhode Island, Department of Kinesiology

Summer Alternative Session, 2016

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I. Course Description and Purpose

Disability sport competitions and issues, history, organizations, and opportunities for individuals with specific disabling conditions.

II. Specific Course Information

This is a blended course and will take place both online using Sakai and face-to-face via experiential education with the URI KIN HPE Adapted PE Program.

III. Objectives and Student Competencies

A. You will be able to demonstrate your knowledge and identification of publications pertaining to physical activities for special populations by using them for your written assignments in the course.

B. You will be able to identify and summarize types of different disabilities and their influence on physical activity participation.

C. You will be able to identify and summarize various disability sports organizations and their impact on sporting involvement by individuals with disabilities.

D. You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of different recreational amenities, including those influenced by federal mandates, for individuals with disabilities through discussions and written assignments.
E. You will be able to demonstrate your knowledge of the history and development of disability sports through discussions and written assignments.
F. You will be able to demonstrate your understanding of disability sport within a societal context in your weekly reflections, discussions and written assignments.
G. You will be able to demonstrate your understanding of trends in disability sport in your written assignments and discussions.
H. You will be able to apply important concepts from lecture to the laboratory part of the class by working with a child with a disability; putting theory into practice.
I. You will be able to demonstrate teaching and communication strategies for working with children with disabilities.

IV. IDEA Objectives

Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)- Students will learn factual knowledge about adapted aquatics.

Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories- Students will learn principles, generalizations and theories about adapted aquatics programming.

Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)- Students will apply course material directly into the laboratory session by working with students with disabilities in an adapted aquatics setting.

Acquiring skills in working with others as a member of a team- Students will work with fellow colleagues in the class on presentations and during class events.

V. Texts/Technology


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Additional course documents and announcements will be available via Sakai.

*It is your responsibility to log in to Sakai ROUTINELY and be up to date with all information posted pertaining to the class.*

VI. Course Requirements

**Class Participation:** Students are expected to fully participate in all class activities and class discussions.

VII. Tentative Schedule

a. Participants are required to volunteer for the adapted surf program as a volunteer surf instructor for a child with a disability twice a week for two hours each time from May 12th - June 26th. Participants are also required to volunteer for adapted aquatics 2-3 times. Dr. Clapham will post a schedule for adapted aquatics.

b. Assignments are due to Dr. Clapham on assigned days throughout the semester. Please see the “Assignment” tab on our Sakai site for a list of assignments and due dates.

c. Topics to be covered:

1. Introduction to disability sports
2. History of disability sports
3. Disability Sports Organizations (DSOs)
4. Developing and IEP
5. General Strategies for Working with Children with Disabilities
6. Disability Sporting Events
7. Psychological and Sociological Impact of Society on Disability Sport
8. Trends in Disability Sport
9. The Future of Disability Sport
10. Disability Sports Skills and Activities

VIII. Assignments

a. Weekly Reflections: Students will be asked to write 2-3 paragraphs on their experience working with a child with a
disability. Students will also be asked to create 2-3 IEP goals for
their child and to report on how the child is progressing towards
the goals. Please see a description of the assignment and rubric
under the “Assignment” tab on our Sakai site.

b. Disability Sports Handbook (20%)
   1. Fact sheets with coaching suggestions and importance
      of physical activities on disabilities identified under
      IDEA
   2. Information sheets, including links to beneficial
      websites, relating to each DSO, including information
      on how to become involved, local and regional events
      (see example)
   3. There are 13 disability categories listed under IDEA.
      Your handbook should focus on the remaining DSO’s
      and give pertinent disability information for a
disability, which qualifies under that DSO.
   4. See handout for example of how to format
      information

c. IEP Report: (20%) IEP report with specific goals pertaining to
   ocean/surf therapy for a child with a disability in the
   adapted surf program offered May 5-June 23rd.

d. Quizzes: (20%) There will be several quizzes on Sakai
   throughout the course.

e. Class participation: (20%) Class participation will be
   imperative throughout the course. Your class participation
   will take place in the “Discussion” on our Sakai site. Please
   respond to each prompt posted by your professor and
   comment on your classmates contributions at least 4-5 times
   each week. There will be approximately 2-3 discussions
   posted by your professor each week. Class discussions will
   be graded weekly with a rubric. This rubric can be found
   under the “Resources” tab on our Sakai site.

f. Attendance: (20%) Attendance at the adapted surf program
   is mandatory twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday from
   4:30-5:30pm. You are also required to attend the adapted
   aquatics program in the Tootell Aquatics Center pool on
   Wednesdays from 3-4pm 2-3 times. In addition, attendance
   is required for post-testing Tuesday, 6/21 and Thursday
6/23 from 9-12pm in the KIN building. Please check in with KIN students, Ingrid Freeman and Kelli Hingerton, when you are present to complete your fieldwork.

IX. Grading Scale

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X. Special Considerations

“Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 require the University of Rhode Island to provide academic adjustments or accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Students seeking academic adjustments or accommodations must self-identify with the Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities on the appropriate campus. After meeting with the Coordinator, students are encouraged to meet with instructors to discuss their needs and, if applicable, any laboratory safety concerns related to their disabilities.”

It is the policy of the University to accord students, on an individual basis and with advanced written notice, the opportunity to observe their traditional religious holidays. Students desiring to observe a religious holiday of special importance must provide written notice to each instructor by the end of the second week of class.

XI. URI Honor System

Students are responsible for being familiar with, and adhering to, the University Honor system. Specifications for the University Honor System can be found in the University Resource Guide.

Students are expected to be aware of plagiarism guidelines and prevention measures. Any work turned in must be the student’s own work and writing.

XII. Course Outline by the Week:

Important Dates:
Pretesting: Friday, April 29 and Monday, May 2
Volunteer Orientation: May 2nd @ 2pm in room 192 in Independence Square II
Beach Orientation: May 5th 3:30pm at Narragansett Town Beach meet in front of the pavilion
First week of the surf program: May 2-6
First week of KIN 585- Disability Sports: May 23-27
Post-testing: June 21 and 23 9am-12pm

Week 1: May 23-27

- Introductions
- Overview of class/ review syllabus
- Adapted Surf/Adapted Aquatics program schedule review
- Online team building activity
- Review “Disability Sport Organization” and “History of Disability Sports” lectures and comment on discussion board
- Volunteer for surf program on Tuesday, May 24, 4-6pm and Thursday, May 26, 4-6pm.
- Review task analysis for teaching surfing under “resources” on Sakai

Week 2: May 30- June 3

- Please read and comment on discussion board about volunteer experiences
- Review “Developing an IEP” and “General Strategies for Working with Children with Disabilities” lectures
- Comment on discussion board on lectures and classmates comments
- Complete the weekly reflection assignment on Sakai under “assignments”
- Weekly Reading: In DePauw & Gavron’s Disability Sport (2005), Chapters 1-3.
- Volunteer for surf program on Tuesday, May 31, 4-6pm and Thursday, June 2, 4-6pm.

Week 3: June 6-10

- Review “Disability Sporting Events” and “Psychological and Sociological Impact of Society on Disability Sport” lectures and comment on discussion board on lectures and classmates comments
- Volunteer work for surf program on Tuesday, June 7, 4-6pm and Thursday, June 9, 4-6pm.
- Weekly reflection assignment
• Weekly Reading: In Davis’ *Teaching Disability Sport* (2011), Chapters 1-4.

**Week 4: June 13-17**

• Review lectures and comment on discussion board about lectures and classmates comments
• **Volunteer work** for surf program on **Tuesday, June 14, 4-6pm and Thursday, June 16, 4-6pm.**
• Weekly reflection assignment
• Weekly reading: In DePauw & Gavron’s *Disability Sport* (2005), Chapters 4 and 5.
• Complete quiz 1 on Sakai (10% of grade)

**Week 5: June 20-24**

• Review “Disability Sports Trends” and “The Future of Disability Sports” lectures and comment on discussion board about lectures and comment on a classmate’s comment.
• Volunteer work for surf program on **Tuesday, June 21, 4-6pm and Thursday, June 23, 4-6pm.**
• Weekly reading: In DePauw & Gavron’s *Disability Sport* (2005), Chapters 12 & 14, in Davis’ *Teaching Disability Sport* (2011), Chapters 5-12.
• Review “Disability Sports, Skills and Activities” lecture and comment on discussion board about lecture and comment on a classmate’s comment
• Weekly reflection assignment
• Complete quiz 2 (10% of grade)

**Week 5: Post-testing**

**June 21st and June 23rd 9am-12pm**

Have a great summer!!!!! ☺

**XIII. Technology Proficiency:**

The Department of Kinesiology expects its students and graduates to be proficient in the use of technology to retrieve and process information, and to communicate professionally using a variety of media. The specific tools and skills required varies with individual courses, but in general, student should be proficient in web navigation and search engines, word processing, spreadsheet manipulation, and basic graphing tasks. The
Department refers students deficient in these skills to the mini-courses offered by IITS as well as the many computer labs located across campus.

XIV. Illness due to Flu:

The H1N1 Flu Pandemic may impact classes this semester. If any of us develop flu-like symptoms, we are being advised to stay home until fever has subsided for 24 hours. So, please do not come to class. Please notify me at 874-5447 or eclapham@uri.edu of your status. Please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm or http://www.uri.edu/provost/communications.html for more information.