Devser 213 Communication and Advocacy (54527) Reedley College – Fall 2017

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Instruction: Monday and Friday HUM 63 8:00-8:50 a.m.

Final Exam: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 8:00-9:50 a.m.

Holidays (NO CLASS):

Monday September 4, 2017 Labor Day Friday November 10, 2017 Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday November 23/24, 2017 Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday – Friday December 11-15, 2017 Finals week

Course Description: This two unit course is designed for students with disabilities. The course focuses on the impact of disability on student communication as well as self advocacy issues. The course addresses steps for effective communication, the use of "I" statements, disclosing disability/disability limitations, appropriately requesting reasonable accommodations, appropriate social etiquette, and effective techniques for conflict resolution. This course is designed to assist students in the development of appropriate and successful social relations.

In the process of completing this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- A. Demonstrate the use of "I" statements to introduce themselves and state their disability.
- B. State at least three disability limitations created by their specific disability.
- C. Identify at least three appropriate ways to self-advocate when given a specific scenario.

Textbooks: You will be provided with a class booklet. Handouts for additional information.

Materials Needed: Bring to class:

- > class booklet
- binder with paper
- > pencil or pen.

You will lose participation points if you do not bring materials to class.

Attendance and Class Participation: Students are expected to attend all classes, actively participate in class exercises and discussions, and complete and turn in assignments. Students who are late or frequently absent will lose participation

points. If a student is unable to attend, it is his/her responsibility to notify the instructor and get any missed information and/or assignments from the instructor or other students. **Assignments will be awarded points for one week after they are assigned**. According to campus policy, any student missing more than 4 classes can be dropped from the class.

Grading System: Grading will be based on class participation and having required materials, workbook exercises, quizzes, and presentations.

Total possible points:300

Participation	90 pts.
Quizzes	60 pts.
Presentations	60 pts.
Assignments in work book	90 pts.

Grading Scale

270-300=A	180-209=D
240-269=B	179 and below=F
210-239=C	

Quizzes: All quizzes will be given at the beginning of class period. Any student with testing accommodations must make arrangements with the DSPS office before the exam date to take their quiz in the DSPS office.

Extra Credit: Extra credit assignments may be given at the instructor's discretion to help students to get more practice and points in deficient areas. Students will only be eligible for extra credit if all homework, presentations and quizzes have been completed.

Plagiarism and Cheating: As in all college classes, students are expected to do their own work. Any student caught cheating on a test or quiz will be subject to campus disciplinary procedures. Plagiarism will result in lost points on the assignment.

<u>Important Note:</u> If you have any special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)) such as extended testing time, an alternate testing location, books on e-text, note taking assistance, or adaptive equipment and you need reasonable accommodations, please notify instructor immediately.