

Common Course Outline

EDTR 260 Characteristics of Children with Behavioral and Learning Disabilities
3 semester hours (3 classroom hours per week)

The Community College of Baltimore County

Course Description:

Characteristics of Children with Behavioral and Learning Disabilities

Studies the psychological, medical, sociological and educational characteristics of children with behavioral and learning problems.

Prerequisite: EDTR 107 or PSYC 107

Overall Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to

Discuss the historical treatment of disabilities

Identify legal aspects of disability

List characteristics of developmental learning disabilities

List characteristics of academic learning disabilities

List the criteria used to identify children with learning disabilities.

Identify common strategies used to remediate learning disabilities.

Explain how a child's age affects the remediation process.

Discuss the effectiveness of computers in the remediation of learning disabilities.

Discuss medical and psychosocial effects of learning problems

Recognize instructional and behavior management problems associated with learning disabilities.

Analyze the causes of behavioral disorders from a variety of perspectives

Review methods of assessing behaviorally disordered children and youth.

Major Topics:

Historical treatment of disabilities

Categories of disabilities: characteristics of each

Diagnostic tools

Learning disabilities

Developmental disabilities

Psychological disabilities

Developmental aspects of disability

Instructional and management issues

Perspectives on the causes of disabilities

Legal aspects of disability

Assessment of disability

Requirements:

Individual faculty members will determine specific evaluation. The evaluation procedures will consist of the following: tests and exams, research papers, and other written assignments.