

<b>CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINE</b>		
<b>TERM: FALL 2017</b>	<b>COURSE NO: ABA 412</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	<b>COURSE NAME: DIRECTED STUDIES IN APPLIED BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS</b>	
<b>OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL:</b>	<b>SECTION NO(S):</b>	<b>CREDITS: 3</b>

**COURSE FORMAT:**

Independent student work for 2-3 hrs per week along with 1-2 hour weekly meetings with supervising instructor for 15 weeks.

**COURSE PRE-REQUISITES:**

ABA 342

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- 1) Synthesis of pre-requisite ABA course content applied to formulation of a clinical research question.
- 2) Categorize and arrange existing literature on an approved clinical research question.
- 3) Assemble content and prepare a critical analysis of applied research relating to an approved clinical research question.
- 4) Plan, prepare and deliver both oral and visual (poster) presentations summarizing the results of your literature review.
- 5) Interpret and evaluate peer literature reviews.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:** Students will conduct literature search for appropriate resource materials.

**COURSE CONTENT:**

This directed studies course will require the student to meet with his/her supervisor on a weekly basis to discuss the case study and the relevant research literature with the goal of preparing a major paper suitable for publication or presentation and an oral presentation to other fourth year ABA students.

**EVALUATION PROFILE:**

Assignment #1 Literature search	15%
Major paper draft check-in	5%
Major paper draft check-in	5%
Assignment #2 Major paper	30%
Assignment #3 Major paper in publication format	20%
Oral Presentation & Poster draft check-in	5%
Assignment #4 Oral Presentation	10%
Assignment #5 Poster Presentation (file)	<u>10%</u>
	100%

**GRADING PROFILE:**

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89%	B = 73 - 76%	C = 63 - 66%	F = 0 - 49%
A- = 80 - 84%	B- = 70 - 72%	C- = 60 - 62%	

**ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignments may consist of a combination of essays, research papers, projects, quizzes and/or exams. Some instructors require you pass a certain number of exams or quizzes to pass the course. A detailed handout will be provided by the instructor (see below).

**OPERATIONAL DETAILS:**

*Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.*

***Cheating and Plagiarism:***

The ABA – Autism department adheres to the definition of cheating and plagiarism found in the Study Policy Handbook which students are responsible for obtaining. Cheating and plagiarism may result in a grade of zero, either for the assignment or the entire course.

***Late Assignments:***

Due dates for papers and assignments will be announced and guidelines will be distributed in class.

All papers must be submitted directly to the instructor at the beginning of the class period. Late papers will be penalized 20% for up to one week. No papers will be accepted later than this one week except under exceptional circumstances.

***Incomplete Grade:***

An incomplete grade will be given only in exceptional circumstances, and requires the approval of the ABA - Autism Department rather than your instructor.

***Electronic Devices:***

No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor. During an exam, turn off all cell phones and pagers and remove them from the desk.

***English Usage:***

University level writing skills are required in all assignments. American Psychology Association (APA) writing guidelines, including the use of non-sexist language, must be followed. APA reference guide on the web:

<https://www.capilanou.ca/psychology/Quick-Guide-to-APA-Style/>

All assignments must be original and must be used for this course only. Keep copies of all drafts, including copies on disk labelled “Draft 1,” “Draft 2,” etc. Hand in the original which must be typed. For written assignments, you may be required to go to the Writing Centre as part of a revision process.

***Confidentiality:***

The ABA – Autism department adheres to professional standards of ethics and confidentiality. Personal information that you give to an instructor would not normally be shared with anyone outside the department without your authorization. However, there are a few exceptional circumstances in which an instructor may be required by law to disclose information about you, e.g. if there is an indication that a minor (under the age of 19) is being abused sexually or physically, or neglected; or, disclosure of information is made necessary for legal proceedings; and certain other circumstances about which you may inquire.

***Emergency Procedures:***

Please read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.