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Behavior Management and Therapy
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Mode of Instruction and Course Access:
This course meets face-to-face (when and where), with supplemental materials made available online through the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com/].

Student-instructor interaction:
Email (lapierre@tamuct.edu) is the preferred communication method. Students can expect a 48 business hour response window under normal circumstances. Students are free to book office appointments through the instructor or the department.

Warrior Shield:
Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas
Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by 911Cellular [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description:
Examines basic theories of human learning, major approaches to behavior management and therapy and principles of applied behavior analysis. Formal treatment planning application and evaluation of programs for management of specific behavioral/psychological problems. Includes case review and practice in individual interventions.
**Course level STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs):**

1. Demonstrate the basic principles of applied behavior analysis
2. Conduct a functional assessment interview
3. Explain the role of observations in functional analysis
4. Build and write behavior support plans
5. Select appropriate intervention procedures for problem behaviors

**Textbooks:**


Additional Reading: ACA Code of Ethics found at:

**Course Grades:**

Quizzes: 30 points (6 x 5 points)
Tests: 40 points (2 x 20 points)
Functional Interview: 15 points
Behavior Plan: 15 points

**Final Grade:**

100 – 90 points A, 89 – 80 points B, 79-70 points C, 69 – 60 points D, below 60 points F

**Weekly Quizzes**

Quizzes will cover the chapter readings to be discussed that week. Students are expected to have read and have a basic understanding of each chapter before class. Students may arrange to take quizzes on a different date by contacting the professor prior to the quiz, otherwise quizzes may only be taken late with a university excused absence. Quizzes are worth 5 points each and assess Student Learning Outcome 1.

**Tests**

Examinations will cover assigned readings, lecture material, and Canvas discussions/presentations. Students are expected to take all examinations as scheduled. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the professor to arrange alternative times to take tests. This should be completed in advance of scheduled test times. Test are worth 20 points each and assess Student Learning Outcome 1.

**Functional Assessment Interview (FAI)**

Students will conduct an interview and functional behavioral assessment. Students will secure permission through a signed informed consent to observe a child with some behavioral difficulty and complete the Functional Assessment Interview located in Appendix B (O’Neil et al., 2015).
The age of child and nature of the environment are flexible. Students will complete their own report. Chapter two (O’Neil et al., 2015) provides a thorough explanation for completing each section of the FAI form, and it also provides a specific example of a completed form beginning on page 23. The FAI is worth 15 points and assesses Student Learning Outcomes 2 and 3.

Behavior Support Plan (BSP)
Using the collected data from the interview and functional behavioral assessment, the student will construct a behavior support plan. The Behavior Plan is worth 15 points and assesses Student Learning Outcomes 4 and 5.

**Course Calendar:**

| Week 1 | June 3 & 5 | Introduction, Impediments to managing behavior  
Maag Chapters 1 & 2  
O’Neil et al. Chapter 1  
Quiz |
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| Week 2 | June 10 & 12 | Theories of Behavior  
Basic Principles of Behavior  
Functional Assessment and Analysis Strategies  
Maag Chapters 3 & 4  
O’Neil et al. Chapter 2  
Quiz |
| Week 3 | June 17 & 19 | Counting and Recording Behavior  
Graphing Behavior  
Building Behavior Support Plans  
Maag Chapters 5 & 6  
O’Neil et al. Chapter 3  
Quiz |
| Week 4 | June 24 & 26 | Functional Assessment of Behavior Problems  
Preventive Approaches  
Writing Behavior Support Plans  
Maag Chapters 7 & 8  
O’Neil et al. Chapter 4  
Quiz |
| Week 5 | July 1 & 3 | Reinforcement Techniques  
Differential Reinforcement  
Maag Chapters 9 & 10  
Midterm Exam |
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**UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES**

**Drop Policy.**
If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf).

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the University Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

**Academic Integrity.**
Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student’s academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student’s work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university’s Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university’s standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.
**Academic Accommodations.**
At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university’s programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

**Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students.**
Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs’ Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the Student Affairs web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html]. Students may also contact the institution’s Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

**Tutoring.**
Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive FREE online tutoring support. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.
**University Writing Center.**
Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with online only hours Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via WCONline. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

**University Library.**
The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

While this syllabus represents the direction and scope of this course, it is subject to change.