

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OVERVIEW**

Course Title: Psychology of the Exceptional Child **Course #:** PSY* 260

Course Description: This course offers students an opportunity to learn about and understand children with exceptionality. It focuses on who they are, how they behave, and what can be done to optimize their learning and success. Special emphasis is on the child in school.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: PSY* 111

Goals: To introduce students to the concept of exceptional learners and the different categories of exceptionality and to provide a practical knowledge base for working with exceptional children.

Outcomes: At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- 1) Understand the laws and legislation that apply to special education
- 2) Identify practical procedures to best work with children with varied exceptional abilities
- 3) Identify the major features and components of the major areas of exceptionality