

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Orientation to Deafness **Course #:** DSC* 110

Course Description: 3 Semester Hours

An overview of deafness that encompasses 3 major topics: the nature and experience of deafness; the education of deaf children and adults; and the adult Deaf community. Medical, educational, psychological, social, and vocational aspects are considered.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENG* 101

- Goals:**
1. To become familiar with the diversity of the deaf communities such as Deaf/deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened and interface with the “larger” society.
 - Anatomy, Physiology, Assessment and Habilitation of the Ear
 - Genetic and acquired forms of hearing loss
 2. To gain an overview of the history of Deaf peoples’ lives.
 - Educational access through history
 - US Laws that pertain to Deaf and Special Education
 - Linguistic and communication variations/options for Deaf and Hard of hearing people
 3. To make an acquaintance with various agencies and services affiliated with the Deaf people.
 4. To demonstrate beginning analysis of oppressed traits/experiences.
 - Linguistic control of the minority
 - Employment issues
 - ADA and its impact on oppression of Deaf people

- Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:
1. Demonstrate comprehension of specialized terminology.
 2. Read the basic information of an audiogram
 3. Describe the function and benefits of hearing aids
 4. Identify the 4 main causes of hearing loss
 5. Identify and compare benefits of the various communication options for people with hearing loss
 6. Identify federal and state organization and agencies of the Deaf and work with Deaf people.