

Career Development Foundations, Emerging Theories, and Models

Course Outline

Course Developer(s)

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Course Format

Two weeks, 10 hours per week

Course Prerequisites

Current and/or past experience as a career and employment practitioner and/or in a related field.

Course Description

This course will present traditional and emerging career development theories, models, and strategies. Using these models and strategies, this course develops participants' abilities to work constructively with clients to build individualized career plans.

Course Objectives

General:

Participants will develop/enhance their knowledge of career development theories and enhance their skills in applying these theories with clients.

Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of traditional and emerging vocational counselling theories and practices
- Explain the career development process
- Assist clients in a theory-based process of self-discovery, self-esteem building, and realistic goal setting
- Integrate career development theories with current labour market realities

Required Texts / Supplies

Sheppard, B. C. & Mani, P. S. (Eds.) (2014). *Career development practice in Canada*. Toronto, ON: CERIC. (eBook or Print available from [CERIC](#))¹.

Additional Readings

Throughout the course, relevant readings will also be posted on our website. Plan to spend a minimum of 2-3 hours per week on the readings.

¹ The Sheppard & Mani (2014) textbook is a required reading throughout the Career Management Professional Program. Students taking individual courses, therefore, may only refer to a chapter or two; however, this resource is a wonderful addition to your professional toolkit.

Course Completion Requirements

Students must achieve an overall grade of at least 80% to successfully complete a course. If absent or offline for more than 48 consecutive hours, students are required to contact the instructor.

Participation	25%
Analysis of a Theory	20%
Emerging Theories	25%
Theories Case Study	30%

Online Instruction Overview

This online course will be conducted using the “Moodle” course management system. Registered students will receive log-in instructions by email the Monday prior to the course start date. This system relies on asynchronous discussion forums (i.e., students post when it’s convenient for them, not during a scheduled time slot). However, from time to time, we may schedule live “chats” using online message/conferencing applications (e.g., Skype, GoToMeeting).

Facilitated e-learning offers amazing opportunities for shared learning. Many experts in the field believe that the best learning occurs in the discussion forums and that the posted course content may take on a secondary importance. Although this course will provide comprehensive content, students’ active participation in the discussion forums (i.e., checking in and briefly posting once or twice per day to each open discussion) enriches learning and is required for successful course completion.

Operational Requirements

As this course is offered entirely online, students must have reliable Internet access and be comfortable using Internet technology and participating in discussion forums.

Although there are no scheduled classes, students will be expected to spend a similar amount of time on this course as they would in a classroom-based environment of 20 hours.

Documents will be posted in Word, PowerPoint, and PDF — students must be able to download these documents and also upload similar documents.

Accommodation

If you have a disability that needs accommodation for this course, please let us know and we will work with you to more effectively meet your needs.