



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2017

PF1910 – FITNESS PRACTICUM – 3 (1-0-4)75 HOURS

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

A theoretical and practical course on techniques in fitness leadership for individuals and groups.

PREREQUISITE(S): PF1980 and PF 2900.

NOTE: PF 1910 is for Personal Trainer Diploma students only.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

NSCA's Essentials of Personal Training, 2nd Edition

Coburn, J.W., and Malek M,H. (2012). . Champaign, IL, Human Kinetics.

DELIVERY MODE(S): The course work includes roundtable discussions, lectures and practicum hours in the community.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide practical experience in the fitness leadership industry including: employment interviews, program planning/design and instruction in professional settings for a minimum of 52 hours. The 52 hours will include working within fitness facilities/agencies; shadowing and interviewing PTs, interviewing PT clients; required observation of and participation in exercise classes; and conducting exercise consultations. All experiences must be recorded and included in the student's logbook.
2. To provide theoretical knowledge in the areas of basic fitness theory and fitness leadership. Students will be involved in seminars related to personal training issues.

3. To develop exercise and stretching resources that will be included in future consultation packages.
4. To expose students to situations that will develop invaluable networks within the fitness and medical communities for referrals.
5. To create the experience of mentoring first year Personal Training Students, allowing students to provide guidance and assistance throughout the term in areas of fitness knowledge. (Able to use 3-5 practicum hours toward this).

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. The student will understand at least one or two niche markets in the fitness industry, and gain practical experience working with each.
2. The student will learn to network with industry leaders, facility managers, local personal trainers and medical professionals.
3. The student will compare a variety of exercise classes and be able to evaluate each based upon class content; exercise technique; and the teaching effectiveness of different instructors.
4. Students will become familiar with a variety of exercises and stretches and are able to accommodate a client’s individual needs.
5. The student will develop the necessary resources and skills to conduct thorough exercise consultations.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Not officially transferable to other institutions at this time.

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information

(<http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlineSearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2>)

EVALUATIONS:

Consultation Form	Sept. 18	10%
Referral Directory	Submit with final logbook	5%
Personal Training Position Paper	Submit with final logbook	15%
YouTube Exercise Assignment	Nov. 3	30%
Practicum Logbook	Oct.23 (midterm), Nov.27 (Final)	30%
Agency Evaluations	Submit with final logbook	10%

**** Late assignments will be deducted 10% per day.**

**** All grading criteria and examinations must be completed to receive course credit.**

Seminar attendance is mandatory. Those students who have 3 unexcused absences may not receive course credit. A warning will be given to the student after 2 unexcused absences.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that a grade of C- is required to pass PF2920, and that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**. This means **DO NOT GET LESS THAN “C-” IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO CONTINUE IN THE PERSONAL TRAINER DIPLOMA OR TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY.**

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

PF1910 consists of two instructional sessions per week (110 min and 50 min), and 52 hours of practicum experience over the semester.

Lectures	Monday	11:00am - 12:50pm	J203
	Friday	10:00 - 10:50am	J203

Sept.1	Orientation, Practicum Opportunity Overview, Sign up for Interview Time
Sept.4	No class. Labour Day Holiday
Sept.8	No class. Individual Goal Setting Interviews booked for week of Sept.8-11
Sept.11	Seminar #1: Conduct of a Personal Trainer/ Customer Service
Sept.15	Seminar #2: Observation of an exercise consult
Sept.18	Roundtable ~Practicum Placements Announced: Official Start~ CONSULT FORMS DUE
Sept.22	No class. Practicum Hours.

Sept.25	Roundtable discussion.
Sept.29	No class. Practicum Hours.
Oct.2	Roundtable discussion.
Oct.6	No class. Practicum Hours.
Oct.9	No class. Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct.13	No class. Practicum Hours.
Oct.16	Roundtable discussion.
Oct.20	No class. Practicum Hours.
Oct.23	Roundtable discussion. LOGBOOK SUBMISSION #1 DUE
Oct.27	No class. Practicum Hours.
Oct.30	Roundtable discussion.
Nov.3	Seminar #3: TBA. EXERCISE VIDEO ASSIGNMENT DUE
Nov.6	No class. Practicum Hours.
Nov.10	No class. Fall Break.
Nov.13	No Class. Fall Break.
Nov.17	No class. Practicum Hours.
Nov.20	Seminar #4: TBA
Nov.24	No class. Practicum Placements end.
Nov.27	Final Agency Evaluations & Logbooks Due. Potential Guest Speaker.
Dec.1	No class.
Dec.4	Attend Final Class.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Refer to the College Policy on Student Rights and Responsibilities at www.gprc.ab.ca/d/STUDENTRIGHTSRESPONSIBILITIES

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/**

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.