

**George Mason University**  
**College of Education and Human Development**  
**School of Sport, Recreation and Tourism Management**

RMGT 418 DL1 Assessment in Therapeutic Recreation  
3 Credits, Spring 2023

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**Prerequisites:**

PRLS 327 and PRLS 416

**Course Description:**

Presents methods of assessment, development of treatment program plans, and evaluation of all components. Extends program design by developing competencies in the planning approaches, individual and group assessment techniques, program evaluation, and documentation strategies for people with disabilities and illness.

**Course Overview:**

For recreation therapists to be prepared to meet the needs of each participant in a clinical or community setting they must comprehend overall assessment, development of treatment program plans based on the outcomes, and evaluation of all services rendered. This course will focus specifically on intervention and interpretation.

**Course Delivery Method:**

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024.

**Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.**

*Expectations*

- Course Week:

Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Thursday and finish on Wednesday.

Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.

- Log-in Frequency:  
Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least #3 times per week.
- Participation:  
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- Technical Competence:  
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.
- Technical Issues:  
Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.
- Workload:  
Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.
- Instructor Support:  
Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.
- Netiquette:  
The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.
- Accommodations:  
Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

**OBJECTIVES**

Additionally, at the completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Identify diagnostic groupings and populations served in Therapeutic Recreation (TR)
2. Verbalize application of strategies for implementation
3. Design and present treatment plans for community and clinical settings.

**Professional Standards:**

Upon completion of this course, students will meet the following professional accreditation standards: *Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Related Professions (COAPRT)*:

7.02	Students graduating from the program shall be able to demonstrate the ability to design, implement, and evaluate services that facilitate targeted human experiences and that embrace personal and cultural dimensions of diversity. <i>Students graduating from the program shall demonstrate the ability to assess, plan, implement, document, and evaluate therapeutic recreation services that facilitate targeted outcomes, and that embrace personal and cultural dimensions of diversity.</i>
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**Required Texts:**

burlingame, joan & Blaschko, T. (Fourth ed.). (2010). *Assessment tools for recreation therapy and related fields* Washington: Idyll Arbor, Inc. (**Big Red Book**)

Porter, Heather R. (1<sup>st</sup> Edition) (2015). *Recreation therapy basics, techniques, and interventions* Washington: Idyll Arbor, Inc. (RTBTI)

**Evaluation:**

<b>Power Point on a Disability new to you:</b>	60
<b>Two Analyses of Assessment Tools:</b>	30
<b>Video Intervention:</b>	40
<b>Discussion Board:</b>	<u>20</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>150</b>

**Grading Scale**

A= 135-150	B+= 105-119	C+= 55-69	D= 10-24
A-= 120-134	B= 90-104	C= 40-54	F= 0-9
	B-= 70-89	C-= 25-39	

**Professional Dispositions:**

See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/>

**Course Calendar:**

DATES	TEXTS	ASSIGNMENT DUE
Thursday, Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	burlingame, joan & Blaschko, T. (4 <sup>th</sup>	Porter, Heather R. (1 <sup>st</sup> Edition)
		Wednesday, Jan. 24 Complete

	Edition) (2010). <i>Assessment tools for recreation therapy and related fields</i> Washington: Idyll Arbor, Inc. ( <b>Big Red Book</b> )	(2015). <i>Recreation therapy basics, techniques, and interventions</i> Washington: Idyll Arbor, Inc. (RTBTI)	Discussion Board Due by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Big Red Book</b> Chapter One- Assessment Basics	Article review of your chosen Disability Group	Wednesday, Jan. 31 Complete Discussion Board Due by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Big Red Book</b> Chapter One- Assessment Basics	Intervention for your chosen Disability Group	Wednesday, Feb. 7 Complete Discussion Board Due by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Big Red Book</b> Chapter One- Assessment Basics	<i>Recreation therapy basics</i> <b>Activity Analysis</b>	Wednesday, Feb. 14 Complete Discussion Board Due by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Start working on the Video Intervention Assignment - for Discussion Board</b>  “You are an intern working either with clients/residents/patients who are at home or in their room and due to the pandemic must stay away. Interventions must go on even if not face to face. Revisiting your Activity Analysis actions show us how you would upload your appropriate intervention, as if we were your audience.”		<i>Recreation therapy basics</i> <b>Adjustment and Response to Disability</b>	Wednesday, Feb. 21 Complete Discussion Board by 11:59p.m. of two CTRS’s approaches that your activity emphasized and explain why they were important intervention tasks
Thursday, Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Finish <i>Video Intervention</i> by Wednesday, Feb. 28 for Discussion Board  “You are an intern working either with clients/residents/patients who are at home or in their room and due to the pandemic must stay away.		<i>Recreation therapy basics</i> <b>Body Mechanics and Ergonomics</b>	Due by Wednesday, Feb. 28 <i>Assignment Video Intervention</i>

Interventions must go on even if not face to face. Revisiting your Activity Analysis actions show us how you would upload your appropriate intervention, as if we were your audience.”			
Thursday, Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup> Prepare to meet individually with Dr Wiggins after Spring Break regarding First Tool Assessment Instrument and Disability Presentation Choose First Assessment Tool- one identified within Measuring Attitudes (p. 201 – 304)	Fill in Zoom Date on Blackboard to meet individually with Dr. Wiggins between Mar. 11-13 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday, Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup> Spring Break			
Thursday, Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup> Choose First Assessment Tool- one identified within Measuring Attitudes (p. 201 – 304)	<i>Big Red Book</i> Chapter Four- Standards of Assessment	<i>Recreation therapy basics</i> <b>Consequences of Inactivity</b>	Wednesday, Mar. 20 Turn in First Assessment Tool Choice with Consequences of Inactivity by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Big Red Book</i> Chapter Five – The Assessment Process		Wednesday, Mar. 27 Complete Discussion Board Due by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup> Complete First Tool Assessment Instrument DUE using Written Checksheet on <i>Assignments</i>	<i>Big Red Book</i> Chapter Six – Test Construction		Wednesday, Apr. 3 Please read this week the Test Construction chapter to gain more understanding prior to submitting your tool assessment.
Thursday, Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup> Choose Second Assessment Tool- one identified within Measuring Functional Skills (p. 305 – 515)			Wednesday, Apr. 10 Complete Discussion Board Due by 11:59p.m.
Thursday, Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>			Wednesday, Apr. 17 Complete Second Tool Assessment Instrument DUE using Written Checksheet on <i>Assignments</i>

Thursday, Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup> Prepare Disability Complete Power Point DUE on Discussion Board following the Rubric on the <i>Syllabus</i> Apr. 24			Wednesday, Apr. 24 Disability Complete Power Point DUE on Discussion Board following the Rubric on the <i>Syllabus</i>
Thursday, Apr. 25 ZOOM to present Power Points to Class			

*Note: Faculty reserve the right to revise the course schedule*

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

Weekly participation - *Discussion Board* with themed content.

DUE Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - *Video Intervention* You are an intern working either with clients/residents/patients who are at home or in their room and due to the pandemic must stay away. CTRSs' activities and interventions must go on, whether they are face to face or virtual. Provide the intervention on video - showing your clients how to participate using your activity analysis from *Discussion Board*. It should be something that with the right at home materials, a client from your disability group could participate in and complete after watching you on the video.

DUE Wednesday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> & DUE April 17<sup>th</sup>. - *Two Analyses of Assessment Tools* – Using the **Big Red Book** identify and write paragraphs about appropriate tools for the disability you have chosen to research. Choose from one identified within **Measuring Attitudes** (p. 201 – 304) and one identified within **Measuring Functional Skills** (p. 305 – 304) from the **Big Red Book**. See **Assessment Instruments Written Checksheet** content below in this *Syllabus* to follow within your *papers*.

DUE April 24<sup>th</sup> - *Power Point* on a Disability - Identify a population served by CTRSs and new to you. Never used as an assignment turned in for RMGT 327, 416, and if taken, 417. Please go to the following site for a list of disabilities:

<https://askjan.org/a-to-z.cfm>

Describe planning and application for intervention of the identified disability and all the research you have identified using the rubric in this *Syllabus*. Plan to provide additional notes for slides throughout the presentation.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM - We will all be able to watch together as each of you presents your Power Point on Thursday, Apr. 25. Time TBD

#### Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

#### GMU Policies and Resources for Students

*Policies*

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <https://ds.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

*Campus Resources*

- Support for submission of assignments to VIA should be directed to [viahelp@gmu.edu](mailto:viahelp@gmu.edu) or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

**Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking:**

As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Non-Confidential Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per [University Policy 1202](#). If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as [Student Support and Advocacy Center](#) (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance or support measures from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing [titleix@gmu.edu](mailto:titleix@gmu.edu).

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**RMGT 418 Power Point Rubric for Disability Chosen**

Criteria	Unsatisfactory	Minimal	Competent	Outstanding
Content and ideas regarding chosen disability/disease				

<p>Organization of paper by subcategories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Motor Symptoms</li> <li>-Non Motor Symptoms</li> <li>-Incidence/Prevalence in US</li> <li>-Predominant Age</li> <li>-Causes</li> <li>-Systems Affected (text)</li> <li>-Prognosis</li> <li>-Secondary Problems</li> <li>-Typical Assessment tool to identify disability/disease</li> <li>-RT Interventions (ex. Exercises, Activities Treatment Plan). Discuss what they consist of.</li> <li>-2 Sources cited</li> </ul>				
Power point slides appropriate				
Presents clearly				
<b>OVERALL SCORE</b>				

*Analysis of Assessment Tools*- Each student will write about both a tool measuring attitudes and a tool measuring functional skills for the same identified disability group.

### Assessment Instruments Written Checksheet

Criteria	Unsatisfactory	Minimal	Competent	Outstanding
<p>1). In paragraph form, begin with <b>why did you choose this instrument?</b> Then, 2). how does the assessment instrument/procedure:</p>				
<p>-Match the client's ability (if self administered)?  Can the clients read the instrument?  Can the clients understand the instrument?  Can the clients tabulate the results?</p> <p>-Match the client's:  Performance abilities?  Needs?  Characteristics?</p> <p>-Have validity for this population?</p>				



<i>-Have reliability for this population?</i>				
Adherence to subject and politically correct word choice				
Source/s cited				
OVERALL SCORE				

