Northern Marianas College
CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST

Course Guide: ED 352 Behavior Modification in the Classroom

Effective Semester / Session: Spring 2012

Type of Action:
- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

Course Alpha and Number: ED 352

Course Title: Behavior Modification in the Classroom

Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:
ED 352 Behavior Modification in the Classroom is a required course for a BS in Education as listed on the IDPs for the concentrations in Special Education and Rehabilitation and Human Services.

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1. Department
   School of Education

2. Purpose
   The intention of this course is to serve as an introductory to classroom
   behaviors and management. Students will be given a base of
   understanding through a historical overview. Upon this foundation students
   will then be introduced to the concepts of measurement, methodology, and
   structure. The course provided a study of the basic principles of each of
   these in order to give students a complete appreciation and understanding
   of the challenges they will face in the classroom. Finally, the course will
   teach procedures to establish new behavior, to use applied behavior
   analysis, and to decrease undesirable behaviors while increasing those
   behaviors that are desirable.

3. Description

   A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials
      Required
      Mittenberger, Raymond G. Behavior Modification: Principles and
      978-1111306113
      Language: English
      Readability level: Grade 12

   B. Contact Hours
      1. Lecture: 3 hours per week / 42 hours per semester
      2. Lab: n/a
      3. Other: 3 hours of observation in the classroom

   C. Credits
      1. Number: 3
      2. Type: Regular Degree Credits

   D. Catalogue Course Description
      Ed 352 is a companion course for ED 351. However, it gives greater
      depth and insight that is required for student practitioners preparing to
      work in Special Education and Rehabilitation and Human services.
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students will then be introduced to the concepts of measurement, methodology, and structure. The course provided a study of the basic principles of each of these in order to give students a complete appreciation and understanding of the challenges they will face in the classroom. Finally, the course will teach procedures to establish new behavior, to use applied behavior analysis, and to decrease undesirable behaviors while increasing those behaviors that are desirable. This course uses a precise, step-by-step, scientific approach to explain human behavior. Case studies and examples illustrate key principles. Successful completion of this course prepares students to take ED 401.

Prerequisites: ED 315 and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in ED 316 and ED 351, or permission from the Director of the School of Education.

English Placement Level: EN 202
Math Placement Level: MA 132
(Offered Spring)

E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course
Bachelors of Science in Education with a Concentration in either Special Education or Rehabilitation and Human Services

F. Course Activities and Design
Learning activities include chapter readings, assignments, projects, discussion forums, and group and individual participation. Also, students will be required to make three observations and complete three evaluations of different students from the local school systems. There will also be an emphasis on the use of current technology.

4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment;
   Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)
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English Placement Level: EN 202
Math Placement Level: MA 132

5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed
Cost to the Student: Tuition for a three-credit course, cost of the text, and instructional materials fee.
Cost to the College: Instructor's wages and costs incidental to the use of a classroom and photocopying

Instructional resources needed for this course include text, CRC, Library, SmartBoard, copy machine and paper, poster paper and markers, computers and other appropriate technology.

6. **Method of Evaluation**
   Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

   A: Excellent – grade points: 4.0;
   B: Above average – grade points: 3.0;
   C: Average – grade points: 2.0;
   D: Below average – grade points: 1.0;
   F: Failure – grade points: 0.0.

   NMC’s and SOE’s grading and attendance policies will be followed.

7. **Course Outline**
   This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

   1.0 History
      1.1 Aspects
      1.2 Defining features

   2.0 Foundations
      2.1 Management Skills
      2.2 Management methods
      2.3 Techniques

   3.0 Positive Classroom Behavior
      3.1 Theories
      3.2 Approaches
      3.3 Standards

   4.0 Research Techniques
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5.0 Behavioral Analytical Principles
   5.1 Identification
   5.2 Application

6.0 Behavior Change
   6.1 Principles
   6.2 Procedures

7.0 Behavior Intervention
   7.1 Selection of a Functional Model
   7.2 Application

8. Instructional Goals
   This course will introduce students to:

   1.0 The history and the defining features of applied behavior analysis;

   2.0 Classroom management skills, and methods and techniques to create a plan to develop proper behavior in students;

   3.0 Theories, approaches, and standards for positive classroom behavior modifications and management;

   4.0 Goals and methods of research in applied behavior analysis;

   5.0 Basic behavior analytic principles;

   6.0 Behavior change procedures and the relationship to basic behavioral principles; and

   7.0 Functional models of intervention selection and application.

9. Student Learning Outcomes
   Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

   1.0 Define features of applied behavior analysis;

   2.0 Describe classroom management skills and methods and techniques necessary to develop proper behavior in students;
3.0 Create models that apply theories, approaches, and standards for positive classroom behavior modifications and management;

4.0 Practice proper research methods to research applied behavior analysis;

5.0 Apply basic behavior analytic principles;

6.0 Describe behavior change procedures and the relationship to basic behavioral principles; and

8.0 Show an understanding of the functional model of intervention selection and application.

10. **Assessment Measures**
Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1.0 Five short answer essay tests, including the final exam;

2.0 Student presentations and student-lead class discussions; and

3.0 Summary and critique of behavior analysis research.