

**Course Title:** Advanced Augmentative and Alternative Communication – Web 8

**Course Prefix and Number:** CD 518

**Course Discipline:** Communication Disorders

**Instructor's Name:** Richard A. Dressler. M.S., CCC-SLP

**Semester and Year:** Spring, 2012

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**Instructor's Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 2 to 4:30 pm

**Course Description:** Surveys terminology and service delivery for alternative and augmentative communication; specifies the rationale for high or low tech device selection based on client needs.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will	KASA Standard	Method of Assessment
1. describe principles and terminology related to augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)	III-B, III-C	exams, discussion board
2. explain the assessment and selection process relative to AAC	III-C, III-D	chat, exams, systems review, language-literacy/portfolio
3. explain service delivery options and strategies, including funding and procurement	III-C, III-D, III-E	exams, discussion board, language-literacy/portfolio
4. discuss the impact of cultural diversity	III-C, III-G	chat, exams, discussion board

5. use the literature to aid in their own learning	III-F	language-literacy/portfolio,systems review
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### Course Policies and Schedules:

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend class as scheduled and to participate in class during discussions. Students should withdraw from class if unable to complete class assignments.

**Plagiarism Policy:** The academic work of a student must be his/her own. One must give the author(s) credit for any source material used.

**Students with Special Needs:** A student must verify that he/she has a qualified disability through The Office of Student Disability Services, Garrett Conference Center Room 101, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101-3576

**Program Accreditation:** The Council of Academic Accreditation (CAA), under the auspices of the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA), has certified the Department of Communication Disorders at WKU as an authorized educational facility. If a student has a comment or complaint, they may contact CAA at ASHA, 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Required Text:** Beukelman, D.R. & Mirenda, P. (2010) Augmentative & Alternate Communication (3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Baltimore: Brookes Publishing.

### Assessment:

Self-guided instructions (2)	100 points each:	200 points
Project (1)	100 points each:	<u>100 points</u>
		300 points

### Grading Scale:

The student's grade will be assigned using the following scale:

A=	93% (or more) of the total points
B=	85% (or more) of the total points
C=	77 % (or more) of the total points
D=	68% (or more) of the total points
F=	67% (or below)

### Course Schedule:

**Class time and location:** Thursday evenings  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Central time

## On-line

Class 1 (Jan 26)	NO CLASS Complete self guided instruction
Class 2 (Feb 2)	NO CLASS Complete self guided instruction
Class 3 (Feb 9)	CLASS Chapter 1
Class 4 (Feb 16)	CLASS Chapter 2
Class 5 (Feb 23)	CLASS Chapters 3 - 4
Class 6 (March 1)	CLASS Chapter 5
Class 7 (March 8)	NO CLASS (Spring Break)
Class 8 (March 15)	CLASS Chapters 7 – 8
Class 9 (March 22)	CLASS Chapters 9 - 10
Class 10 (March 29)	CLASS Chapters 11
Class 11 (April 5)	CLASS Chapters 12
Class 12 (April 12)	CLASS Chapters 13 - 14
Class 13 (April 19)	CLASS Chapters 15
Class 14 (April 26)	CLASS Chapters 16 - 17
Class 15 (May 3)	CLASS Chapters 18 - 19

