

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Orientation to Deafness **Course #:** DSC* 110

Course Description: 3 Semester Hours

An overview of deafness that encompasses 3 major topics: the nature and experience of deafness; the education of deaf children and adults; and the adult Deaf community. Medical, educational, psychological, social, and vocational aspects are considered.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENG* 101

Goals:

1. To become familiar with the diversity of the deaf communities such as Deaf/deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened and interface with the “larger” society.
 - Anatomy, Physiology, Assessment and Habilitation of the Ear
 - Genetic and acquired forms of hearing loss
2. To gain an overview of the history of Deaf peoples’ lives.
 - Educational access through history
 - US Laws that pertain to Deaf and Special Education
 - Linguistic and communication variations/options for Deaf and Hard of hearing people
3. To make an acquaintance with various agencies and services affiliated with the Deaf people.
4. To demonstrate beginning analysis of oppressed traits/experiences.
 - Linguistic control of the minority
 - Employment issues
 - ADA and its impact on oppression of Deaf people

Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate comprehension of specialized terminology.
2. Read the basic information of an audiogram
3. Describe the function and benefits of hearing aids
4. Identify the 4 main causes of hearing loss
5. Identify and compare benefits of the various communication options for people with hearing loss
6. Identify federal and state organization and agencies of the Deaf and work with Deaf people.

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Learning Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6307 (V/TTY) and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.commnet.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations. Students may also call the College directly at (860) 738-6464 to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team: NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim's needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

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| Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D. | 860-738-6315 | Greenwoods Hall Room 220 |
| Susan Berg | 860-738-6342 | Greenwoods Hall Room 223 |
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At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.