



**Bow Valley
College**

Course Outline

DAST1999

The Field of Disability Studies
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DAST1999 The Field of Disability Studies

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This practicum gives learners the opportunity to begin integrating theory and practice in the provision of support services to people with disabilities. Learners are placed in community and agency settings and supervised by agency staff. Weekly seminars provide opportunity for reflection and the integration of theory and practice.

REQUISITES	<p>Complete all of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn a minimum grade of C in each of the following courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DAST1101 - Introduction to Disability Studies (3) • Complete at least 9 credits from the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disability Studies program
EQUIVALENTS	<p>Complete at least 1 of the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDAS1999 - Practice of the Education Assistant Profession (6) • HMSV2999 - International Human Services Practicum (7)
CREDITS	6
HOURS	180
ELIGIBLE FOR PLAR	Yes
ZERO TEXTBOOK COST	No

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Bow Valley College is committed to ensuring our graduates can demonstrate their abilities in key areas that will make them effective citizens and encourage their development as lifelong learners. In addition to the discipline-specific skills that learners acquire in their programs, the College has identified ten learning outcomes.

College-Wide Outcomes:

1. Communication
2. Thinking Skills
3. Numeracy and Financial Literacy
4. Working with Others

5. Digital Literacy
6. Positive Attitudes and Behaviours
7. Continuous Learning
8. Health and Wellness Awareness
9. Citizenship and Intercultural Competence
10. Environmental Sustainability

#	COURSE LEARNING OUTCOME(S)	COLLEGE WIDE OUTCOMES SUPPORTED
1	Support individuals in the development of shared, respectful relationships within the community.	1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9
2	Document the placement role and experience working within an agency.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9
3	Communicate in a professional, respectful manner with people that you support, colleagues, and community representatives.	1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9
4	Comply with established agency policies, practices, and operational protocols.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
5	Prepare and maintain accurate, confidential, and objective documentation based upon agency requirements.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9
6	Apply person-centered practices in the practicum setting.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

COURSE MODULES AND SCHEDULE

**Course schedule subject to change, depending on delivery mode and term of study. For exact dates, please consult the Course Offering Information in Brightspace.*

WEEK/HOURS MODULES

Week 1	Course Syllabus, Practicum Overview
Week 2	Employment Readiness: Learning Goals and Resumes
Week 3	FOIP and Confidentiality
Week 4	Advocacy: What is it
Week 5	Taking Care of Yourself
Week 6	Diversity
Week 7	Reading Week
Week 8	Diversity
Week 9	Introduction to Documentation
Week 10	Getting Acquainted to Disability Services in Alberta
Week 11	Introduction to Ethics
Week 12	Responding to and Reporting Abuse
Week 13	Supporting after a situation
Week 14	Final Practicum Debrief
Week 15	Celebration of Learning

ASSESSMENT

COURSE

LEARNING ASSESSMENT OUTCOME(S)

WEIGHT

1, 2,3,4,5	Field Assignments and Evaluations (learning contract, self assessment and evaluations)	50%
1, 2, 3	Seminar Discussion	10%
1, 3, 4, 6	Documentation Assignment	10%
1, 3, 6	Micro-credentials	30%

Important: For details on each assignment and exam, please see the Course Offering Information.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

A grade of P is required to pass this course. Learners may be required to pass this course in order to progress in the program or to meet specific program completion requirements. ^[P]_[SEP]

Learners should demonstrate an above satisfactory performance and meet the course outcomes and objectives.

An overall minimum final mark in DAST1999 must be 75%, letter grade B to be considered a pass.

Please consult with your program area or contact your program chair for further details.

A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 is required for graduation.

Please consult with the program area or the Bow Valley College website for further details.

GRADING SCHEME

Symbol	Description	Grade Point Value
P	Pass	N/A
F	Fail	N/A
BD	Basic/Developing (Foundational programming courses only)	N/A
CM	Complete	N/A
NCM	Not Complete	N/A

REQUIRED LEARNING RESOURCES

Sidell, N. (2015). *Social work documentation: A guide to strengthening your case recording* (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: NASW Press

Comptracker Software (cost of software billed directly to student prior to accessing)

Additional learning resources may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Brightspace.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Brightspace.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Learners with a disability (learning, physical, and/or mental health) may qualify for academic and exam accommodations. For more information, or to apply for accommodations, learners should make an appointment with Accessibility Services in the Learner Success Services (LSS) Department. Accessibility Services can also assist learners who may be struggling with learning but do not have a formal diagnosis. To make an appointment visit LSS on the first floor of the south campus or call 403-410-1440. It is the learner's responsibility to contact Accessibility Services and request academic accommodations. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/accessibility>.

INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Bow Valley College is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Learners are urged to become familiar with and uphold the following policies: Academic Integrity (500-1-7), Learner Code of Conduct, Procedures and Guidelines (500-1-1), Learner Appeals (500-1-12), Attendance (500-1-10), Grading (500-1-6), Academic Continuance and Graduation (500-1-5), and Electronic Communications (300-2-13). Audio or video recording of lectures, labs, seminars, or any other teaching and learning environment by learners is allowed only with consent of the instructor as part of an approved accommodation plan. Recorded material is to be used solely for personal study and is not being used or distributed without prior written consent from the instructor.

Turnitin:

Students may be required to submit their course work to Turnitin, a third-party service provider engaged by BVC. Turnitin identifies plagiarism by checking databases of electronic books and articles, archived webpages, and previously submitted student papers. Students acknowledge that any course work or essays submitted to Turnitin will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where it will be used solely to detect plagiarism. The terms that apply to a student's use of Turnitin are described on Turnitin.com.

Online Exam Proctoring:

Examinations for this course may require proctoring through an online proctoring service. Online proctoring enables online exam taking within a controlled and monitored environment, thereby enhancing academic integrity. Online proctoring may occur through a variety of methods, including but not limited to:

- a. live online proctoring where a remote invigilator authenticates identity and observes completion of an exam using specialized software and recordings;
- b. automated proctoring where the exam session is recorded and AI (artificial intelligence) analyzed;
- c. browser lockdown that limits access to other applications, websites, copying, printing, screen capture and other functions; or

d. a combination of both live/automated proctoring and browser lockdown.

Course instructors will review recordings, analyses, and data obtained through online proctoring for academic integrity infractions. It is the student's responsibility to meet the technical, software, location, and identity verification requirements necessary to enable online proctoring.

Further details of these policies are available in the Academic Calendar and on the Bow Valley College website, bowvalleycollege.ca.

Learners are encouraged to keep a copy of this course outline for future reference.

Collection of Personal Information:

This course, including your image and voice, may be recorded and made available to you and other students taking the course section. By attending the class(es) online or in person, you consent to the collection of your personal information. If you do not wish to be recorded, please contact your instructor before starting the course/class to discuss alternative arrangements.

You may use the recordings only for educational purposes and you must not copy, share, or use the recordings for any other purpose without the instructor's express permission.

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