PE 324 Evaluation in Physical Education

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Course Description:
An examination of both the theoretical and practical aspects of measurement and evaluation techniques needed by teachers and exercise specialists.

Rationale:
This course is centered around the principles of measurement and evaluation. Physical educators need to master the essential content, principles and concepts to become an effective evaluator. This course is designed to help the physical educator to build a foundation based on theoretical concepts that they can apply in developing, using and evaluating various tests.

Prerequisite:
Second semester junior standing in the Physical Education Major.

Text: NO TEXT IS REQUIRED!

Course Objectives:
By the end of the semester, the student will:

1. Distinguish between measurement, evaluation and test.
2. Distinguish between reliability, objectivity and validity
3. Distinguish between norm-referenced and criterion-referenced standards
4. Distinguish between percentile rank and T-scores
5. Understand issues and methods of grading
6. Knowledgeable about student fitness and methods to assess including FITNESSGRAM
7. Knowledgeable about ways to evaluate skill achievement including sport skill tests, rating scales and performance
8. Identify various types of cognitive tests and how to analyze and revise tests
9. Identify and utilize scales for affective assessment.
10. Understand the normal curve and its use in probability statistics
Grading/Evaluation:
Each student will complete 3 exams during the semester. Exams will be based on material covered in class. The type of questions will be multiple choice and discussion. The grading scale is:
A= 78% +
B= 64%-77%
C= 50%-63%
D= 40%-49%
F= less than 40%

Note: If a student is within 15 points of a particular grade, then completion of student projects can allow the student to achieve the higher grade!

Attendance Policy:
Students are expected to attend class and to participate in class discussions. If a student misses 3 classes, he/she will meet with the instructor to discuss possible withdrawal from the class. Only absences due to University travel, legal obligations, or those approved by the instructor will be approved. Students are responsible for material presented on the days they are absent.

Instructional Methods and Activities:
The course will primarily be taught through classroom lecture/discussion.

Academic Dishonesty:
Students committing any act of academic dishonesty will receive a failing grade for that portion of the course work in which the act is detected or a failing grade for the entire course without the possibility of withdrawal. Examples of academic dishonesty are: plagiarism, cheating, theft of tests, etc.

Students with Disabilities:
"Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office of Student Disability Services, Room 445 Potter Hall. The OFSDS telephone number is (270) 745-5004 V/TDD. Please DO NOT request accommodations from the instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office of Student Disability Services."