



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences
Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
2013-2014
Course Syllabus

Course Information	
Course Title	Pediatrics Rehabilitation
Course Code	OT 324
Prerequisites	OT112, OT215
Time	
Place	
Credit Hours	3 (2 theory; 1 lab)
Course coordinator	Dr. Mohammad S. Nazzal, PhD, OTR/L
Office Location	
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Teaching Assistant(s)	

Course Description
<p>This course aims to familiarize the students with the scope of occupational therapy theory and practice in working with children with special needs. The students will understand normal and abnormal development of children and how it relates to occupational therapy interventions. The course also provides the students with practical training skills in this area (both pre-clinical laboratory and actual OT sessions observations). In the lab section of this course, students will learn how to integrate theory into practice when dealing with children with special needs and their families; specifically, in terms of evaluation and treatment.</p>

Textbook	
Title	Occupational Therapy for Children
Author(s)	Jane Case-Smith
Publisher	Mosby
Year	2010
Edition	6 th (5 th edition is acceptable, 6 th edition is preferable)
Other references #1	Pediatric skills for Occupational Therapy Assistants (2 nd Ed.), J. W. Solomon & J. C. O'Brien
Other references #2	Roley, S. S., DeLany, J. V., Barrows, C. J., Brownrigg, S., Honaker, D., Sava, D. I., et al. (2008). Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain & Process, 2nd edition. American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 62(6), 625-683.
Other references #3	Case-Smith, J., O'Brien, J. (2010). Occupational therapy for children (Vol. 6 ed). St. Louis, MO: Mosby-Year Book.

Assessment		
Assessment	Expected Due Date	Percentage
First Exam (theory)		20%
Midterm Lab exam	TBA	20%
Second exam (theory)		20%
Final lab exam	TBA	10%
Final Exam (Theory)	Final week of examinations	30%

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to		
	Outcome	Percentage
1	Explain how individual systems and the environment contribute to a child's occupational performance in the first 10 years of life.	10%
2	Describe the development of postural control systems and the influence of that development on gross and fine motor development.	10%
3	Identify the dimensions of concern in pediatric occupational therapy evaluation.	15%
4	Apply occupational therapy frames of reference for the prevention of psychosocial dysfunction in children and adolescents.	15%
5	Describe general and specific intervention strategies and approaches pertaining to children and occupational therapy.	10%
6	Describe the incidence, signs and symptoms, causes, and pathologic conditions of common medical diagnoses in children.	10%
7	Understand and apply principles of occupation-based; family centered practice.	20%
8	Apply theory and evidence into practice when working with children with special needs.	10%

Teaching & Learning Methods

- Power point presentations by the course coordinator or invited lecturers. All course material and communications will be conducted via E-learning link (www.just.edu.jo).
- Class discussion
- Laboratory: selected assignments (within university campus and outside).

Additional Notes

Statement on Professionalism: Professional behavior is expected of students at all times. Attitude and professional behavior are a minimum criterion for passing this class. Repeated lack of professional behavior will result in failure of this course. Examples of unprofessional behavior include but are not limited to: missing classes, tardiness, lack of attention for a speaker, talking to others during lecture, passing food during lecture, leaving a lecture prior to its completion without prior authorization of the instructor, working on other class material during class, inappropriate dress for labs, and sleeping during class.

Communication with instructor: Electronic-mail is the best way to reach me as I consistently check it. However students still can use the above listed phone number.

Cell phone and pagers: Please do not use cell phones or pagers in class. If you are depended upon for anticipated emergencies please put cell phones on vibration mode and answer the phone outside the classroom.

Attendance: Attendance will not count for points in this class, however attending the lectures and labs will greatly enhance your grade. The student is responsible for any information discussed in lecture and lab sessions. It is **imperative** to attend all classes!

Absences: All absences will be entered electronically into the University site. According to Student Manual (Item 8: B, C & D), students are not allowed to be absent for more than 10% of lectures without any official excuse (and more than 20% with an official excuse). If a student exceeds either cases, he or she will not be allowed to sit for future course exams and will earn the least possible grade for the course (35%), unless the student had already withdrew from the course (according to item 13: B). Student will be banned from the course after electronic notification from the university through student e-mail.

Make-up (including assignments) work will be granted for excused absences only:

- Serious illness (doctor's note required)
- Official university activities (with proper documentation)
- Extenuating circumstances (PRIOR approval should be obtained or direct contact made with the instructor within 24 hours)

Group discussions are highly recommended however it's crucial for each student to submit individual assignment, unless I indicate otherwise.

The student has one week from the time any test, assignment, or lab summary is returned to the class to appeal the grade.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes in the above syllabus at any time. The student has the right to be informed of any changes

Feedback:

Concerns or complaints should be expressed in the first instance to the course instructor. If no resolution is forthcoming then the issue should be brought to the attention of the Department Chair and if still unresolved to the Dean. Questions about the material covered in the lecture, notes on the content of the course, its teaching and assessment methods can be also sent by e-mail to the following address msnazzal@just.edu.jo.

Week	Date	Title of the Lecture Lecturer: Dr. Mohammad Nazzal	Resources for the lecture
1		Introduction to the course An overview of occupational therapy for children	Handouts
2		An overview of children's normal development	5 th Ed. : ch#4 6 th Ed. : ch#3
3		An overview of children's normal and abnormal reflexes. Development of postural control and developmental theory of mobility	5 th Ed. : ch#9 6 th Ed. : ch#9
4		Theory of Sensory Integration (SI)	5 th Ed. : ch#11 6 th Ed. : ch#11
5		Theory of Sensory Integration (SI) - continued	5 th Ed. : ch#11 6 th Ed. : ch#11
6		An overview of visual perception among children	5 th Ed. : ch#12 6 th Ed. : ch#12
7		FIRST EXAM (same time and place as lecture) Development of Hand Skills	5 th Ed. : ch#10 +17 6 th Ed. : ch#10+19
8		Prewriting and hand writing skills	5 th Ed. : ch#10 +17 6 th Ed. : ch#10+19
9		Feeding interventions	5 th Ed. : ch#14 6 th Ed. : ch#15
10		Play and Playfulness	5 th Ed. : ch#16 6 th Ed. : ch#18

11		Labor Day Holiday	5 th Ed. : ch#4
12		SECOND EXAM (same time and place as lecture) Most common pediatric conditions: Cerebral Palsy, Spina bifida, Brachial plexus injuries, Arthrogyriposis, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Torticollis, Autism, learning disabilities, shaken baby syndrome, SIDS	Handouts
13		Continue most common pediatric conditions: continued	5 th Ed. : ch#4
14		Continue most common pediatric conditions: continued	6 th Ed. : ch#3
15		Review	5 th Ed. : ch#4
16		Week of final Examination	6 th Ed. : ch#3

Laboratory Plan Schedule

Week	Title of the lab	Lecturer
1	Introduction to the course	Dr. Nazzal
2	children's normal developmental milestone	Dr. Nazzal
3	Normal and abnormal reflexes. Postural control	Dr. Nazzal
4	Theory of Sensory Integration (SI)- video	Dr. Nazzal
5	Theory of Sensory Integration (SI) - exercises	Dr. Nazzal
6	Visual perceptual skills	Dr. Nazzal
7	Prewriting and hand writing skills	Dr. Nazzal
8	Hand functional assessments	Dr. Nazzal
9	Feeding interventions- exercises	Dr. Nazzal
10	Assessment of play and Playfulness	Dr. Nazzal
11	Mid EXAM (same time and place as lab)	Dr. Nazzal
12	Labor Day Holiday	Dr. Nazzal
13	Presentations	Dr. Nazzal
14	Presentations	Dr. Nazzal
15	Week of final lab Examination	

An occupational therapy for children has a very important role in making kids independent in each area of life. The typical human development is the knowledge base of pediatric occupational therapy. Early physical/mental development may have some issues or impairment, and children's occupational therapist works on these areas to recover from the impairment. Read More | what is Occupational therapy? what do occupational therapists do? Occupational therapy focuses on the "occupation" of a child. You may be puzzled that a newborn or a 6 year old child doesn't have any occupation, but in OT point of view Occupational therapy for children with special needs and physical therapy for children with disabilities might seem like the same thing. However, physical therapy primarily focuses on reducing pain, improving physical movement and strength, and deals with limbs and joints. Occupational therapy includes that along with a focus on cognitive and perception skills, behavioural disorders, and relearning abilities. Occupational Therapy Activities for Children. Here are some occupational therapy activities that are suggested for kids. 1. Activities that Improve Quality of Sleep. Certain children face Occupational Therapy For Children. Occupational therapist in Adelaide, South Australia. 4.8. OTs help children with their daily activities. In our world today, children including the youths and adults need one who they could rely on when it comes to setting goals, tasks and carrying them out. It could be in an organization, school, homes and so on. OTs are great people and very important group of trained professionals that are needed in our society...I believe "together we could heal the world"...all we need, is PEACE and LOVE...thanks.