### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

#### Education 378-3

### Language Disorders & Adolescent Learners

Instructor: Barbara Hoskins, PH.D

Summer Session, 1990 M T W R F S 8:30-12:30 July 26-August 4, 1990 Location: Jericho Hill School

# **Prerequisite:** Certified practicing teacher.

#### Course Description:

This course is designed to provide participants with a framework for working with children with language learning disorders. A perspective on assessing Language/Learning Disabilities will be offered, with particular attention paid to the interface between learning problems and self-esteem. We will also explore specific language skills that provide a foundation for effective communication in school, social and work situations. Participants will be taught specific strategies for working with groups of adolescents. We will also discuss the relationship between oral and written language and ways to teach written language as effective communication. The course will be highly interactive and practical in nature.

#### Specific Topics:

Needs of Language/Learning Disabled Children and Adolescents
Assessment of Language/Learning Problems
Foundation Skills for Effective Communication
Strategies for Facilitating Conversation
Groups in the Classroom Setting
Facilitating Reading
Facilitating Writing
Consultation Process
Oral Reports
Final Exam

### **Recommended Participants:**

This course will be of Particular interest to those who are currently working with, or who anticipate working with Learning Disabled Adolescents in Learning Assistance Programs, in Self Contained Classrooms or in other Clinical Settings. Teachers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Psychologists interested in language and learning problems are encouraged to enroll.

## **Procedures for Assigning Grades:**

Participants will be required to complete readings both before and during the course. They will also be expected to participate actively in class discussion and role play activities as part of the course. A final examination and final oral report will be given on the last day of the course.

Points will be accumulated based on:

Daily Participation	= 50 pts.
Final Examination	= 50  pts.
Final Report	$= 50  \mathrm{pts}.$

\*Grade Assignments:

120 - 150 pts. - Class 1 98 - 119 pts. - Class 2 75 - 97 pts. - Class P 0 - 74 pts. - Class F

\*For SFU students the point system will be translated into SFU grades.