

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**EDUCATION 373-3  
(T2.00)**

**SPECIAL TOPIC:  
COLLABORATIVE CONSULTATION — TEACHER SUPPORT TEAMS**

Summer Session, 1991  
(July 15 - 24)

Instructor: A. DeBoer

Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Location: Okanagan College, Main St. Campus  
2041 Harvey Ave., Kelowna, B.C.

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**PREREQUISITE:** Educ 401/402 or equivalent and certified practising teacher.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Working collaboratively with colleagues regarding successful teaching practices for low-achieving students involves some specialized skills that are not easily or readily acquired without instruction, modeling, coaching, and practice. This workshop is designed for educators whose professional success and personal satisfaction depends on his/her ability to (1) work collegially with fellow educators in planning instruction, and (2) use effective problem-solving and communication skills in the process.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Participants in this class will:

1. Have a rationale for collaborating with fellow educators.
2. Examine research explaining why special education is rethinking its service delivery system.
3. Have information on models for collaborating.
4. Use a process for collaborative problem solving with colleagues.
5. Identify interpersonal cognitive styles of self and others.
6. Practice effective communication skills during problem solving.
7. Design comfortable and effective partnerships for co-teaching.
8. Be able to anticipate conflict and manage resistance.
9. Have information on how to overcome major barriers to effective collaboration.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS & ACTIVITIES**

***For a grade of C:***

1. Attend *all* class sessions.
2. Actively participate in all problem-solving activities and group discussions.,
3. Design a consultation (problem-solving) process that you believe will work for you.
4. Write reaction papers (minimum *two* typewritten pages in length) to each chapter in the text, *The Art of Consulting* by Anita L. DeBoer. Each paper must deal specifically with *how* and *why* the information applies to your situation.

**Due Date: July 19, 1991.**

***For a grade of B:***

The above C requirements *plus*:

1. In triads with class participants, role play and evaluate three consultations. Each person submits a copy of the consultation (problem solving) log and constructive feedback in written form from the consultee. (One log for each person).

*Select either number 2 OR number 3.*

2. Write reaction papers (minimum *two* typewritten pages in length) to ten journal articles related to the topic of collaborative consultation. The first page is an overview of the article; the second page *must* be an explanation of *how* and *why* the information applies to your situation.
3. Select one book related to the topic of collaborative consultation. Discuss this choice with the instructor. Write a critique (minimum 10 typewritten pages) discussing *how* and *why* the information applies to your work situation.

**Due Date: July 19, 1991.**

***For a grade of A:***

The above C and B requirements *plus*:

Outline a plan for implementing or expanding your role as a collaborative consultant or co-teacher in your school or district. Issues to address in your paper include (a) anticipated outcomes, (b) rationale and benefits, (c) getting district support (d) process for collaboration, (e) qualitative and quantitative evaluation data, (f) roles, workloads, and responsibilities, (g) time for collaboration for both general and regular educators, (h) resources required, (i) record-keeping forms and checklists necessary, (j) initial target groups, (k) planning team, and (l) staff development needs.

***OR***

Design a project of more value to you in your situation. Briefly outline its rationale and major components. Discuss your project with your instructor to secure approval.

***OR***

Select one book. Write a critique (minimum *ten* typewritten pages) discussing how you plan to apply the information you acquired from the readings to your work environment.

**Due Date: July 31, 1991.**

**REQUIRED TEXT**

DeBoer, Anita L. (1986). *The art of consulting*. Chicago, IL: Arcturus Books, 2026 W. Iowa St., 60622.