

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to provide the student with an overview of the basic concepts of teaching adult students. This course will introduce learning theory, research on learning and teaching styles of adult students, and strategies for teaching critical thinking skills to use in the community college classroom. Upon completion, students will be able to apply the theories and concepts to improve their own classroom teaching techniques. The use of technology in the classroom will be emphasized.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will become familiar with learning theories useful in teaching adult students.
- Students will be able to apply different learning and teaching styles in their classroom to improve student learning.
- Students will be able to develop lesson plans and presentations for use in their classroom.
- Students will be able to design tests for use in their classroom to evaluate student learning of course objectives.
- Students will be able to review and evaluate their own classroom performance to improve the student outcomes of their classes.

COURSE OUTLINE

CLASS 1	Learning Theories and Adult Learners
CLASS 2	Learning and Teaching Styles – adapting teaching to different learning styles in the classroom.
CLASS 3	The Instructional Process – developing the course from the objectives to evaluation.
CLASS 4	Structuring the Course and Developing Lesson Plans
CLASS 5	Incorporating Critical Thinking Strategies In The Classroom
CLASS 6	Presentation Strategies – adopting the teaching method appropriate to the needs of the student and the objectives of the course.
CLASS 7	Technology In The Classroom – incorporating delivery technology and using Internet resources in the classroom.
CLASS 8	Developing Classroom Resources and FTCC Media Center capabilities orientation.
CLASS 9	Testing Theory And Functions Of Testing. Writing and scoring objective/subjective tests. Using computerized test banks.
CLASS 10	Evaluating Your Course – using formative and summative evaluation to improve the course.