Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Orthopedagogical Synthesis (H001551)

Course size
(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
Credits  6.0  Study time  180 h  Contact hrs  55.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020
A (semester 2)  Dutch  self-reliant study activities  17.5 h
seminar  2.5 h
group work  20.0 h
lecture  15.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
Vandevelde, Stijn  PP10  lecturer-in-charge
Claes, Claudia  PP10  co-lecturer
Colins, Olivier  PP10  co-lecturer
De Pauw, Sarah  PP10  co-lecturer
De Schauwer, Elisabeth  PP10  co-lecturer
Van Hove, Geert  PP10  co-lecturer
van Loon, Jos  PP10  co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in  2019-2020

crds  offering
Master of Science in Educational Sciences (main subject Clinical Special Needs Education and Disability Studies) 6  A

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
integrative orthopedagogics, postmodernism, disability studies, drug abuse, behavioural and emotional disorders

Position of the course
Orthopedagogical Synthesis can be considered as the theoretically concluding course of the Master of Science in Educational Sciences, main subject Special Education, Disability Studies and Behavioral Disorders / Clinical Special Needs Education and Disability Studies. The course focuses on complex questions (for which no "easy" answers are possible/desired) in the field of Special Needs Education/Disability Studies. The students are expected to critically reflect on how they think about and deal with these questions.

Contents
* discussion and implementation possibility of the concepts and ideas of the holistic, integrative and postmodern orthopedagogics
* discussion of orthopedagogical topics and themes of current interest such as waiting list in health care, continuous care, euthanasia, interdisciplinary work, sterilisation of women with intellectual disabilities, support of parents with drug problems and their children, perform surgery for people with disabilities, humanitarianism in emergency situations, strengths-based approaches in forensic contexts, etc...
* reflection upon orthopedagogical practices, from the ‘do no harm’-imperative
* participation in different workshops (min. 21h) within the orthopedagogical field.

Initial competences
This course is grounded on Disability studies, Orthopedagogics of behavioural and emotional disorders, Substance abuse

(Approved)
Final competences

1. To participate actively in important orthopedagogical social discussions that arise around concepts like integrated treatment, inclusion, and empowerment.
2. To interpret orthopedagogical research and to reflect critically on it in function of its 'helpfulness' in practice.
3. To construe reflexive knowledge in relation to supervision and support in education and other socialization contexts.
4. To situate various scientific approaches (e.g., the biomedical approach, developmental disturbances, the human-rights discourse, the ecological approach, and thinking in terms of functional skills) and to evaluate them critically and to integrate them in function of their potential utility for the resolution of orthopedagogical problems.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment.

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract.

Teaching methods

Group work, lecture, seminar, self-reliant study activities.

Learning materials and price

The learning materials consist of scientific articles (distributed via Minerva) and the following book:


Estimated cost: 100 EUR.

References


Supplemented with recent scientific articles from national and international journals, including the special issue of Orthopedagogiek: Onderzoek en Praktijk on research at the Department of Special Needs Education, UGent (volume 54, nr.6-7, 2015).

Course content-related study coaching

(Approved)
• Interactive support using Minerva.
• By appointment.
  Feedback on the individual paper is provided on the feedback day after the evaluation period.

Evaluation methods
  continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
  Assignment, report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
  examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods
  Permanent evaluation
  Form: individual paper based on the workshops followed and the theoretical lectures.
  Report based on the group work.
  Frequency: meetings will be organized for the students - under the supervision of one of the teachers.
  Description second examination chance: in consultation with the teacher, a compensatory assignment may be agreed upon.
  Feedback: is organized during the meeting (cf. supra) and on the feedback day after the evaluation period.

Calculation of the examination mark
  Permanent evaluation based on the group work (40%) and the individual paper (60%).
  Partial results for which the student scored at least half of the points, can be transferred to the next examination period within the same academic year.
  Partial results will never be rounded.
  Students who eschew one or more parts of the evaluation can no longer pass the course. Final scores will be reduced to the highest non-deliberative quotation (7/20) in case the final score is higher.