

MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. CMST

COURSE NUMBER: 1130

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT 0

Course Title:

Small Group Communication

Catalog Description:

Small Group Communication develops students' understanding of how the group communication process works. Students will also develop knowledge on specific group communication terms and skills while participating in small groups.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:

None

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Goal 1: Communication: X by meeting the following competencies:

- a. understand/demonstrate the writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing, and presentation.
- b. participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.
- c. locate, evaluate, and synthesize in a responsible manner material from diverse sources and points of view.
- d. select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences.
- e. construct logical and coherent arguments.
- f. use authority, point-of-view, and individual voice and style in their writing and speaking.
- g. employ syntax and usage appropriate to academic disciplines and the professional world.

Topics to be Covered

Decision making and problem solving

Leadership and conflict management

Group roles and group norms

Student Learning Outcomes

Develop skills in applying principles and practices of small group communication. (MNTC Goal 1b, 1d, 1e)

Manage the interpersonal dynamics of small group communication. (MNTC Goal 1b, 1d, 1e)

Demonstrate principles of leadership in the group process. (MNTC Goal 1b, 1d, 1e, 1f)
Develop skills in group problem-solving and decision-making to achieve desired goals. (MNTC 1b)
Critically analyze small group communication. (MNTC Goal 1b, 1e, 1g)
Identify and analyze norms and roles in the group. (MNTC Goal 1b, 1e, 1g)

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
*If yes, please list the competencies below
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5. Critically analyze small group communication.

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