
## WTCS Repository

10-809-128 Marriage & Family

# Course Outcome Summary

### Course Information

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|  | Description | This course introduces the student to the sociological aspects of marriage and family life in contemporary American society. Emphasis is on the study of cognitive, emotional, and behavioral patterns associated with courtship, love, mate selection, sexuality, and marriage. Moreover, it discusses the life span development in the family life cycle, balancing work and family, and parenting. This course is based on the premise that human attitudes, feelings, and behaviors are largely shaped and influenced by philosophy, gender, communication, and personal beliefs. Therefore, success in the institutions of marriage and family require knowledge and skills in the roles of spouse and parent and ways to apply concepts to daily life. |
|  | Total Credits | 3.00 |

Pre/Corequisites

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| Prerequisite | Each Wisconsin Technical College determines the General Education course prerequisites used by their academic institution. If prerequisites for a course are determined to be appropriate, the final Course Outcome Summary must identify the prerequisites approved for use by the individual Technical College. |

### Course Competencies

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| 1 | Explore courtship practices |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you compare and contrast dating ritualsyou analyze issues of sexuality in contemporary datingyou explore the tenets of attractionyou explore mate selection |
| 2 | Explore the concept of love  |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you examine the importance of loveyou examine the types of loveyou explore the role of intimacy in relationships |
| 3 | Examine gender issues in relationships |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you distinguish between the concepts of sex and genderyou investigate gender role socialization you compare and contrast traditional and contemporary gender roles you explore the influence of gender in relationships |
| 4 | Explore marriage and family as an institution |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you examine the changing norms of marriageyou examine the concepts of marriageyou examine the concepts of familyyou compare and contrast current family models |
| 5 | Examine changes in family structure |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you investigate family structure you analyze the impact of changes on family membersyou identify the challenges of remarriage and step familiesyou examine the challenges for single parent familiesyou examine child bearing and marriageyou analyze cohabitation |
| 6 | Identify the stages of the family life cycle  |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you explore the stages of marriageyou analyze the changes of structure in the family life cycleyou explore the changing developmental tasks in the family life cycleyou explore family planning decisions |
| 7 | Examine marital satisfaction  |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you identify the patterns associated with marital successyou identify the patterns associated with marital failure you explain the communication patterns and skills associated with a successful marriageyou explore conflict management strategies  |
| 8 | Examine sexuality in relationships |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you examine sexuality in relationshipsyou explore sexual satisfaction you examine the sources of sexual learningyou explore sexual problems and dysfunctions  |
| 9 | Explore communication patterns in relationships |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you explore communication patternsyou examine open, honest, tactful communicationyou examine gender differences within communication patternsyou examine styles of miscommunicationyou examine conflict resolution |
| 10 | Examine child developmental concepts  |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you explore children's developmental needsyou explore socialization of children |
| 11 | Explore parenting  |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you examine parenting styles and strategiesyou explore basic rules/philosophies of parentingyou examine the process of child rearingyou explore the parents' needs |
| 12 | Examine the challenges for contemporary families |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | by completing assignments/written tests/projects as assigned by instructor |
|  | Criteria |
|  | Your performance will be successful when: |
|  | you examine the challenges of balancing work and family lifeyou examine violence and abuse in familiesyou examine substance abuse in familiesyou explore the distribution of power in familiesyou analyze sources of stress in familiesyou explore stress management  |