TAS 4900—Special Topics: Managing Stress in the Workplace  DB 05/14

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:
None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Specific course content will vary with offering.

This course will introduce techniques for calming the body and mind in an overstimulated world. It will assist students in identifying specific stressors and offer proven techniques for dealing with them. Students will learn the newest, most effective way of taking control of their lives, preventing disease, and enhancing their well-being. Since stress is multifaceted, this course will introduce a comprehensive approach as a powerful way to manage it.

METHODS OF COURSE INSTRUCTION:
All material for this course is print-based. Instructor and students communicate and exchange materials through postal mail.

E-PRINT OPTION:
In this course, an option exists to use e-mail to submit your lesson assignments. Your assignment will be returned to you either as an e-mail attachment or as a hard copy sent through the postal mail, depending on the preferences of the instructor and/or program.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

Note: This is a workbook, so it must be purchased new.

NUMBER OF LESSONS:
The course has six lessons complete with graded assignments and no course examinations. The lessons include:

- Lesson 1: Reflection Paper on Stress and Its Causes
- Lesson 2: Workbook Exercises
- Lesson 3: Calendar/Checkbook Log Comparison and Contrast Paper
- Lesson 4: Journal Entries
- Lesson 5: Paper on Stress Management Resources
- Lesson 6: Reflection Paper on Stress Management and Well-Being
TYPES OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

Specific instructions are given in each lesson. You can submit your assignments by mail, e-mail, or fax. To do the writing assignments well, you need first to complete the reading assignments and have a good understanding of all new concepts, definitions, and so on.

Handwritten assignments are acceptable for some assignments, but the preferred method is a typed assignment, double-spaced using 12-point font and one-inch margins. They should be typed using Microsoft Word or in a PDF format. As with all assignments, good grammar and standard written English are paramount.

If you have an e-mail account, you may use it to submit your lesson assignments. You may use any e-mail provider and any standard e-mail software. The assignments that you submit electronically are printed and sent to the instructor by mail, not e-mail, so you should send your assignments as attached documents, thus preserving the format of your originals. Your graded assignments will be returned as a printed copy by postal mail. Carefully read and follow the directions for the e-mail option provided in this course guide.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your final grade will be determined by your grades on the submitted writing assignments as follows:

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