



Course Title:

Picturing Success: Improving Behavior and Enhancing Skill Development Through the Use of Visual Support Strategies

Number of Credits:

1

Course Location/Format:

This is an online course using the Idaho Training Clearinghouse Learning Management System (LMS) at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho. There are no face-to-face classes. The web link for the LMS is: <http://www.idahotc.com/lms>

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Course Description:

Session 1: “Overview of Visual Support Strategies” - In this session, participants will learn about the rationale for using visual support strategies and the many ways in which information can be presented through the use of visual supports. Participants will learn specific strategies for identifying appropriate forms of visual support for individual learners.

Session 2: “Visual Scheduling” – In this session, participants will learn about the rationale for using visual schedules to support individual within specific activity routines and across the day. Participants will learn about different ways in which to structure and present visual schedules to improve transitions, increase independence, and improve other skills such as choice making and information sharing.

Session 3: “Visual Support Strategies for Academic Participation and Literacy Development” – In this session, participants will be introduced to a number of ways in which visual supports can increase access to academic instruction and address specific instructional goals, with an emphasis on early literacy development. Participants will learn about a number of strategies that can be used to increase student participation and learning during literacy activities.

University of Idaho Learning Objectives:

1. Learn and integrate

Through independent learning and collaborative study, attain, use, and develop knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences, with disciplinary specialization and the ability to integrate information across disciplines.

2. Think and create

Use multiple thinking strategies to examine real-world issues, explore creative avenues of expression, solve problems, and make consequential decisions.

3. Communicate

Acquire, articulate, create and convey intended meaning using verbal and non-verbal methods of communication that demonstrate respect and understanding in a complex society.

4. Clarify purpose and perspective

Explore one's life purpose and meaning through transformational experiences that foster an understanding of self, relationships, and diverse global perspectives.

5. Practice citizenship

Apply principles of ethical leadership, collaborative engagement, socially responsible behavior, respect for diversity in an interdependent world, and a service-oriented commitment to advance and sustain local and global communities.

Course Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, participants will:

- Describe the rationale for using visual support strategies
- Describe specific strategies for identifying appropriate forms of visual supports
- Describe ways to structure and present visual schedules to improve transitions and increase independence
- Describe three ways visual supports can increase access to academic instruction
- Describe two ways that visual supports can increase student participation in literacy activities

Required Materials:

There are no outside readings or materials required for this course. Handouts for each webinar session are located in the course site at the Idaho Training Clearinghouse LMS.

Course Requirements:

1. Participation: Participants are required to log into/attend the full period (2 hours) of all webinars in this series.

2. Quizzes: All quizzes must be submitted through the Idaho Training Clearinghouse LMS. <http://www.idahotc.com/lms>

*All quizzes must be completed on the Idaho Training Clearinghouse Learning Management System on the date(s) specified in the course site. Students must earn an 80% score on each quiz to pass the course. Quizzes can be retaken until passed.

Quiz 1 (20 points)

Quiz 2 (20 points)

Quiz 3 (20 points)

3. Survey: Participants are required to complete a course satisfaction survey.
4. Final assignment: Complete a written assignment (requirements listed below) must be submitted through the Idaho Training Clearinghouse LMS.
 - *Final Assignment (10 points)
 - 1) Identify and briefly describe a student you currently support or know.
 - 2) Identify an academic activity or a book to adapt for the student. Use graphic symbols (or other representations, as appropriate) to create an adaptation that will increase the student's participation in the academic activity and/or support the student in engaging with a book.
 - 3) Briefly describe why you chose the activity or book and the adaptation.

Grading:

This is a Pass/Fail course. No incompletes will be given. Late work will not be accepted.

1. Participants must earn an 80% score on each quiz to pass the course. Quizzes can be retaken until passed.
2. Credit participants must earn an 80% (80/100) on the final written assignment to pass the course.
3. Participants must complete the online course satisfaction survey.

Learning Civility Clause & Academic Integrity:

In any learning environment, it is essential that all members feel as free and safe as possible in their participation. It is expected that everyone in this course will treat each other with mutual respect and courtesy, with an understanding that all of us (students, instructors, professors, guests, and teaching assistants) will be respectful and civil to one another in discussion, in action, in teaching, and in learning. Should you feel course interactions do not reflect an environment of civility and respect, you are encouraged to contact the instructor to discuss your concern. Additional resources for expression of concern or requesting support include the Dean of Students office and staff (208-885-6757), the UI Counseling & Testing Center's confidential services (208-885-6716), or the UI Office of Human Rights, Access, & Inclusion (208-885-4285).

The University of Idaho has as one of its core values the ideal of academic honesty and integrity. University of Idaho students live and work in a collegiate community which emphasizes their responsibility for helping to determine and enforce appropriately high standards of academic conduct. The faculty of the University of Idaho expects all students to adhere to the highest standards of

academic honesty, and to refrain from any action which infringes upon academic freedom of other members of the academic community. Please refer to the University of Idaho - Student Code of Conduct Article II-Academic Honesty.

University of Idaho (UI) Nondiscrimination Policy:

It is UI policy to prohibit and eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, age, disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. This policy applies to all programs, services, and facilities, and includes, but is not limited to, applications, admissions, access to programs and services, and employment. Such discrimination is prohibited by titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act Amendments of 1978, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, other federal and state statutes and regulations, and university commitments (see Faculty Staff Handbook (FSH) 3060). Sexual harassment violates state and federal law and policies of the Board of Regents, and is expressly prohibited, as stated in FSH 3220. The University of Idaho also prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, as stated in FSH 3215. The entire FSH can be accessed online at <http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh>. Questions or concerns about the content and application of these laws, regulations or University policy may be directed to: the Office of Human Rights, Access & Inclusion (208-885-4285); Regional Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education in Seattle (206-220-7900); Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Seattle District Office (206-220-6883); or Pacific Regional Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco (415-848-6969). Complaints about discrimination or harassment should be brought to the attention of the Office of Human Rights, Access & Inclusion (885-4285). Retaliation for bringing forward a complaint is prohibited by FSH 3810.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have documented temporary or permanent disabilities. All accommodations must be approved through the Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR) in order to notify your instructor(s) as soon as possible regarding accommodation(s) needed for the course.

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