

Course Outline: Introduction to Disability/Rehabilitation with Asian/Pacific Islander Americans

- I. (1.0 hr.) Introduction – Who are Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders?
Why are they included as a group?
Discussion of the 30+ groups usually included in AAPI category. Brief overview of Executive Order, positive and negatives of being lumped together

- II. (.5 hr) Demographics of AAPI in the U.S.
Growth – fastest growing racial/ethnic group percentage-wise in U.S.
Where they live – concentration in urban areas of 6 states
Family Size and Income
Disability

- III. (.5 hr) A Brief History of AAPI's in the U.S.
Historical time line/frame
Tensions
Exclusion Laws
Incarceration
Post 1965

- IV. (.5 hr) Common Myths/Perceptions and Stereotypes of AAPI's in the U.S.
Some examples: AAPI's are the all the same
AAPI's are perpetual foreigners
AAPI's are a “model minority”
AAPI's are not discriminated against
AAPI's don't need rehabilitation

- (.5) **Assignment #1 (Stereotypes of Asian Americans) due at this time.**

- V. (.5 hr) Major Asian Beliefs

Buddhism
Confucianism
Taoism
Hinduism
Islamism
Christianity

- VI. (.5 hr) Cultural Values
Collectivism
Conformity to Norms
In-group vs. Out-group
Family Values & Filial Piety

Emotional Self-Control
Harmony & Modesty
Education
Industry, Persistence, & Patience

(.5) Assignment #2 (Asian Values) due at this time.

Reading assignments for V & VI:

Cho, Y., & Hummer, R. A. (2001). Disability status differentials across fifteen Asian and Pacific Islander Groups and the effect of nativity and duration of residence in the U.S. *Social Biology*, 48, 171-195.

Hampton, N. Z. (2000). Meeting the unique needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with disabilities: A challenge to rehabilitation counselors in the 21st century. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 31(1), 40-46.

VII. (.5 hr) Impacts of Values/Beliefs on Rehabilitation Process

Perceptions of Disability and Rehabilitation
Perceptions of Service Providers
The Other-Oriented Self-Construal & Expectations of the Individual, the Family, and Society at Large
Interdependence vs. Independence

Reading Assignments for VII:

Chen, R. K., Jo, S., Donnell, C. M. (2004). Enhancing the rehabilitation counseling process: Understanding the obstacles to Asian American's utilization of services. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 35(1), 29-35.

Grove, N., & Zola, I. (1993). Multiculturalism, chronic illness, and disability. *Pediatrics*, 91, 1048-1055.

Assignment #3 (Case Study) Due at this time.

VIII. (1.0) Cautions

Complexity in understanding AAPI's
Immigration – time in U.S./Cohort Hx
Generational Status
Gender
Age
Acculturation
Language
Socioeconomic Status

Assignment #4 (AAPIs use VR) Due at this time.

Reading assignments for VIII:

Kim-Rupnow, W.S., Park, H. C. & Starbuck, D. E. (2005). Status Overview of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities. *The Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 23 (2), 21-32.

Park, H. C., Kim-Rupnow, W.S., & Stodden, R. (2005). Disparity of Closure Types in VR Services Between AAPIs and European Americans with Disabilities. *The Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 23(2), 33-38.