

# **INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES**

## **SNE4200/3200 - Education for Learners with Special Needs**

### **Goal**

The student shall acquire knowledge and deeper understanding of a specific topic related to the course contents in the SNE 4200/3200.

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### **Topic**

**1. Related the key area of the course SNE 4200/3200 -Education for Learners with Special Needs.** Choose a different topic or view than you had in the group assignment. The key areas in the course are the following:

- Cognition, speech, and language,
- Reading and numeracy,
- Sensory functions (vision and hearing) and movement related functions
- Intellectual developmental disabilities.
- Psychosocial functioning

**2. Including the innovative process of individual and environmental conditions for learning and special educational**

- a) Planning
- b) implementing
- c) evaluation

### **Process of writing your individual paper**

Follow the steps below in the process of producing your individual paper (which is following the similar steps in thinking you had in the group assignment). **More detailed instructions what should be included in each section of the paper, how many pages, etc. are in the next page.**

#### **Step 1:**

- Formulating a problem and/or questions
- From the chosen topic formulate a specific problem/question as a starting point to search for information getting in depth insight

#### **Step 2:**

- Searching for information to answer the problem
- Search for and read literature that has relevance to illuminate the problem
- Select literature and write notes from the literature to use in the written report

#### **Step 3:**

- Create synthesis of the information you discovered from the literature and write the results in the individual written report

#### **Step 4:**

- Pull forward the implications, strengths, and challenges
- Preparations for the discussions in the written report highlighting the strengths and challenges and implications for practice

#### **Step 5:**

- Sum up the main issues relate to the problem and conclude
- Prepare to answer the problem/question through highlight the most important of the main content of literature synthesis and start to develop a conclusion

# Individual paper in SNE4200/3200

Use the following structure and main headings when writing your individual paper.

## 1. Introduction (max 1 ½ pages)

- Background and introduction (a short introduction to the topic leading into a specific problem statement you have chosen)
  - What is your topic?
  - Why have you chosen the topic? What led to the topic? (e.g., specific student case from real life or imaginary case) or just general interest in the topic (e.g., perhaps something you have seen in media, heard colleagues talking about, something you learned in the lectures/from other students' group presentations, something else that led to the topic etc).
  - What do you want to learn? Why?
- Problem statement
  - Formulate a question you answer in your paper using the literature. No need to describe the search process of the literature.

## 2. Results from the literature search (max 4 pages)

- Present the main information, “the synthesis” of the literature, which illuminates central issues of the chosen problem/topic
- Use sub-titles to get focus the different themes of the information (you name the sub-titles)

## 3. Discussion (max 3 pages)

- Describe and discuss
  - Highlight the most important of the of literature synthesis findings and start to develop a conclusion
  - Strengths and challenges related to your topic based on what you discovered from the literature
  - Implications to practice – you can reflect and discuss the findings in relation to practice

## 4. Conclusion (max 1 ½ page)

- Sum up the main findings related to the problem/topic
- Individual reflection notes represent the students` meta-reflection of their learning outcome and process working with the individual assignment (e.g. reflect on you learning -- what did you learn? etc.)

### Technical Formalities

The written text should be maximum of 10 pages - excluding cover page, table of contents, reference list and possible appendices. Short papers are also acceptable if you manage to include all the needed information.

- Line spacing 1.5
- Letter size 12 for the main text, font “Times New Roman”
- Larger letter size for the headings (14)
- Do not justify the right margin
- Use APA-7 Reference Guide:  
[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html)