



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### ***ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - 99153***

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*HU Credits:* 1.5

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* Occupational Therapy

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

*In this course the students will acquire understanding about a broad array of assistive technology including computer and tablet adaptations, driving, seating and mobility.*

Course/Module aims:

*Provide theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of assistive technology and adaptations for clients' needs with a broad array of populations.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- demonstrate the complexities of selecting assistive technology
- understand the principles of adaptations of computer hard and software
- know the options of modifying computers, tablets and cellular phones for different populations.
- analyse seating and suggest solutions
- assess aspects of manual and power wheelchairs in terms of seating and daily function
- be cable of performing basic wheelchair skills and teach them
- understand the factors that can cause pressure ulcers and choose appropriate cushion for a person's needs
- understand the complexities of adapting driving.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Participation in lectures and discussions*

*Case studies*

*Visit Alyn hospital*

*hands-on power and manual mobility experience*

*Application of theoretic knowledge through case studies in small groups*

*Readings*

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### Course/Module Content:

- Introduction to assistive technology, matching the technology to the user, switches and Assisted Augmentated Communication.
- Computer and tablet input methods: adapting keyboards, switches and computer devices.
- Computer and tablet software for occupational therapy including assistive programs, analyzing programs demands, using presentations and more
- adapting seating to the user's needs
- Mobility and manual wheelchair adaptations
- manual wheelchair skills
- pressure ulcers and appropriate cushions
- powered mobility: the importance, the parts of a powered wheelchair on adapting the chair.
- adapted driving
- assistive technology in the mental health population

### Required Reading:

Devlin, H., Nolan, C., & Turner, N. (2019). Assistive technology and schizophrenia. *Irish Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 47(2), 124-136

Ledger, L., Worsley, P., Hope, J., & Schoonhoven, L. (2020). Patient involvement in pressure ulcer prevention and adherence to prevention strategies: An integrative review. *International journal of nursing studies*, 101, 103449.

Pellichero, A., Routhier, F., Sorita, É., Archambault, P. S., Demers, L., & Best, K. L. (2023). Consensus for a power wheelchair training approach for people with cognitive impairments. *Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology*, 18(1), 109-117

### Additional Reading Material:

See syllabus in the course website

### Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 80 %  
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 15 %  
Clinical Work / Lab Work / Practical Work / Workshops 5 %

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Additional information:

*Students are required to attend the day at Alyn hospital*