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Course Title Essentials of Personal Fitness Training

Learning Objectives

1. Define the components of the human movement system.
2. Describe the structure and function of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
3. Understand the essential methods of how the body produces energy.
4. Understand biomechanics and have knowledge of biomechanical terminology.
5. Define and comprehend the rationality of an integrated fitness assessment.
6. Define and describe the components associated with cardiorespiratory training.
7. Understand the importance of core training, balance training, resistance, reactive training, and speed, agility, and quickness training.
8. Define and describe the cause and symptoms of selected chronic health conditions.
9. Understand the importance of macronutrients and supplementation and their functions.
10. Describe the characteristics of a positive client experience and customer service.

Topical Outline

The Scientific Rationale for Integrated Training
 Basic Exercise Science
 The Cardiorespiratory System
 Exercise Metabolism and Bioenergetics
 Human Movement Science
 Fitness Assessment
 Flexibility Training Concepts
 Cardiorespiratory Fitness Training
 Core Training Concepts
 Balance Training Concepts
 Plyometric (Reactive) Training Concepts
 Speed, Agility, and Quickness Training
 Resistance Training Concepts
 Integrated Program Design and the Optimum Performance Training™ (OPT™) Model
 Introduction to Exercise Modalities
 Chronic Health Conditions and Physical or Functional Limitations
 Nutrition
 Supplementation
 Lifestyle Modification and Behavioral Coaching
 Developing a Successful Personal Training Business

Assessment Criteria and Methods of Evaluating Students

Basis for determination of final grade, along with grading scale if different from what is published in the catalog.

Class Participation	20%	90–100	A
Quizzes/	%	80–89	B
Projects/	%	70–79	C
Term Paper/	%	60–69	D
Presentation/	%	Below 60	F
Final Exam	20%		
	100%		

60

Learning Resource	Learning Objectives
Chapter 1	Explain the history of the profession of personal training. Identify common characteristics of personal training clients. Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of integrated exercise program design. Describe the Optimum Performance Training (OPT™) model.
Chapter 2	Define the components of the human movement system (kinetic chain). Explain the basic structure and function of: - o the nervous system - o the skeletal system - o the muscular system - o the endocrine system Describe how these systems respond and adapt to exercise.
Chapter 3	Describe the structure and function of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems. Explain how each of these systems relates to human movement. Describe how the cardiovascular and respiratory systems work in unison. Explain the influence that dysfunctional breathing can have on the human movement system.
Chapter 4	

Chapter 8	Define and describe the components associated with cardiorespiratory training. Describe how various physiologic systems respond and adapt to cardiorespiratory training. Describe the health-related benefits associated with cardiorespiratory fitness. Describe current guidelines and recommendations for prescribing safe and effective cardiorespiratory exercise to apparently healthy individuals. Describe how to design and implement cardiorespiratory training programs to a variety of clients using an individualized approach. Instruct clients on how to perform safe and effective cardiorespiratory exercise.
Chapter 9	Understand the importance of the core musculature. Differentiate between the stabilization system and the movement system. Discuss the importance of core training. Design a core training program for clients at any level of training. Perform, describe, and instruct various core training exercises.
Chapter 10	Define balance and describe its role in performance and injury risk. Discuss the importance of balance training. Design a progressive balance training program for clients in any level of training. Understand and incorporate the principles of selected research outcomes when designing a balance training program. Perform, describe, and instruct various balance training exercises.
Chapter 11	Define plyometric (reactive) training and describe its uses. Discuss the importance of plyometric training. Design a plyometric training program for clients at various levels of fitness. Perform and instruct various plyometric training exercises.
Chapter 12	Define and describe speed, agility, and quickness training and its purpose. Discuss the importance of speed, agility, and quickness training for a variety of populations. Design a speed, agility, and quickness training program for clients at any level of training. Perform, describe, and instruct various speed, agility, and quickness training exercises.
Chapter 13	Describe the stages of the general adaptation syndrome. Define and describe the principle of adaptation and specificity. Define stability, muscular endurance, and muscular strength.

Describe the characteristics of selected health and age-related physical and functional limitations to exercise.

Recognize how the conditions discussed in this chapter affect exercise training variables within the OPT™ model.

Recognize how acute and chronic responses to exercise vary in clients