VIISA Training
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VIISA Calendar Draft - 1.30.21

☐ 1 - July 14, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Jul 14, 2021
- Introductions (30 min), BEST Program (30-45 min), Training Overview (30 min), Vision Impairment and Effects on Learning and Development (90 min with breakout groups) (materials to make a low vision simulator sent ahead)

☐ ASSIGNMENT 1 due Jul 21, 2021
- Reading and responding to parent stories/videos Family Connect Website BVI or parent interview, book.

☐ 2 - July 28, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Kathy Mullen) due Jul 28, 2021
- Young VI Children with Additional Disabilities, Siblings, Early Intervention with Families including Virtual Visits, breakout groups included (creative hoseplay toy materials sent ahead to use in class)

☐ 3 - Aug 4, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Aug 4, 2021
- Developmental Assessment (Oregon and INSITE included), Setting Goals, Intervention Plans (using actual cases, breakout groups, etc.)

☐ ASSIGNMENT 2 due Aug 11, 2021
- Over the next month or so, for those with a caseload, doing an Oregon or INSITE on a child on their caseload, writing summary, goals, intervention plan.

☐ 4 - Aug 18, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Aug 18, 2021
- Use of Touch, Sensory Processing Issues and Interventions (vestibular, proprioceptive, smell, taste, hearing, visual) (materials sent ahead to make texture boards)

☐ 5 - Sept 1, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Sep 1, 2021
- Clinical Eye Exam, Ocular Disorders and Implications (0-5), Intro to CVI (silly eye glasses sent ahead)

☐ 6 - Sept 8, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Sep 8, 2021
- Functional Vision Assessment, resulting goals, interventions in daily routines, modifications in the home to improve use of vision (a few simple visual items sent ahead)

☐ ASSIGNMENT 3 due Sep 15, 2021
- Over the next month or so, for those with a caseload, doing an FVA and/or CVI assessment on a child on their caseload; pulling together FVA kit with CVI items

☐ 7 - Sept 22, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Sep 22, 2021
- CVI Assessment and Interventions, birth to three (materials to make early CVI books on black sent ahead)

☐ 8 - Oct 6, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty) due Oct 6, 2021
- Early Bonding, Social and Communication (presymbolic signals and cues) (Eensy Spider song hand puppet sent ahead to make)

☐ 9 - Oct 20, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Oct 20, 2021
- Communication Matrix, Augmentive Communication (tangible symbols, switches)

☐ 10 - Oct 27, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Kathy Mullen) due Oct 27, 2021
- Formal Communication (speech, signs)

☐ 11 - Nov 10, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Nov 10, 2021
- Active Learning Strategies and Materials for Children with Multiple Disabilities (materials sent ahead to make playbib; scrunchie for attaching objects in hands; BEST providers need pegboard and PVC and items to make playframes as example for little ones)

☐ 12 - Nov 17, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Nov 17, 2021
Cognition and Play at Sensorimotor Level, Concept Development

☐ ASSIGNMENT 4
Over the next month or so, for those with a caseload, create a playspace and some active learning materials to use with a more involved child, try them out, discuss what worked well and what needs modified, etc.

due Dec 1, 2021

☐ 13 - Dec 8, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Suzanne Dinwiddie)
Hearing (hearing loss, testing, amplification)

due Dec 8, 2021

☐ 14 - Dec 15, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty)
Auditory and Listening Skills (quacker or canary stick sent ahead along with toothbrush holder to make into an auditory toy)

due Dec 15, 2021

☐ 15 - Jan 5, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: VIPS O&M Instructor)
Impact of Sensory Impairment on Gross Motor Development, Early Orientation and Mobility

due Jan 5, 2022

☐ 16 - Jan 12, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Sandra Zaccari)
Motor Impairments Including Cerebral Palsy, Positioning and Handling, Adaptive Equipment (tube socks sent ahead to make into rice socks for positioning)

due Jan 12, 2022

☐ ASSIGNMENT 5
Choice of assignments (e.g., co-visit with O&M instructor and a toddler, application of positioning and handling strategies with an MH child, or work on a daily care issue—sleep problem, feeding problem, etc.)

due Jan 19, 2022

☐ 17 - Jan 26, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty)
Daily Care (eating, dressing, toileting, hygiene, etc.)

due Jan 26, 2022

☐ 18 - Feb 9, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes)
Early Literacy Experiences in the Home, Early Learning Media Assessment (materials sent ahead to make concept book with white barebook)

due Feb 9, 2022

☐ 19 - Feb 16, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty)
Introduction to Braille and Getting Little Ones Ready for Learning Braille (slate, stylus, paper, braillon, braille worksheets sent ahead for activity in class)

due Feb 16, 2022

☐ ASSIGNMENT 6
Writing a literacy plan with materials (some home-made) for use in daily routines at home with a little one.

due Feb 23, 2022

☐ 20 - Mar 2, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Kathy Mullen)
Transition to Preschool, Needs of Preschoolers with BVI

due Mar 2, 2022

☐ 21 - Mar 9, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructors: Bess Dennison and Alison Clougherty)
Pulling it All Together: Application with Infant/Toddler Video Case Studies, final training evaluation, next steps

due Mar 9, 2022