

PED 395/301 Fall 2008  
Study Notes – FIT  
Lesson Five

The focus of this lesson is to allow you to be able to respond to a variety of needs of your students either as individuals or as part of a group. Please read the lesson and associated materials to understand the concepts covered in this lesson. The material on pages 14 to 15 will be completed in class on Tuesday. Please prepare to do this in class.

Characteristics of Effective Instructors

1. The ability to communicate effectively
2. Enthusiasm
3. Subject knowledge
4. Patience
5. The ability to listen
6. Having a positive attitude
7. Encouraging
8. The ability to make material both interesting and challenging
9. The ability to engage students in the learning experience
10. He/She is open to the views and opinions of participants
11. Someone who is non-judgmental
12. He/She is respectful to all participants

Communication Skills

Communication can take many forms from verbal to non-verbal. Your materials discuss a variety of techniques and strategies (appendix F).

## Presenting Information

Using a presentation allows you to:

- a) Cover a large amount of information.
- b) Provide that information to a large group of people.
- c) Give information as the “expert” to individuals not familiar with the content.

There are disadvantages however, these might include:

- a) Participant involvement can be low with such a presentation.
- b) Not all participants “learn” through this method.
- c) Receiving immediate feedback about how well the participants grasped the content may not be available.
- d) Sometimes, you cannot clearly assess the participants understanding of the content.