NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Business, Applied Arts & Technologies Division
Architectural Engineering Technology Program

Course Syllabus

ENGT 2800 ACT/CIT Capstone

1 CREDIT 1 Lecture

An advanced course that reviews course material common to the Architectural, Civil and Construction Engineering Technology program concentrations and assists students to enter the workplace. Includes a required departmental exit exam, preparation of a resume, a mock interview and participation in a community service event.

Prerequisites: CIT 1220, CIT 2110, and ACT 1161

The Capstone class should be taken in the final semester of study

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Refresh the student’s knowledge of course material common to both the ACT and CIT concentrations.
2. Successfully complete the program exit exam
3. Develop student’s job seeking skills by requiring preparation of a cover letter and resume and participation in a mock interview.

The Capstone course is class divided into two parts.

Part I
Review the course work common to the both ACT and CIT areas of concentration and to demonstrate an understanding of that material by successfully completing the Program Exit Exam.

The coursework common to both areas of concentration is:

1. CIT 1220 Materials and Methods of Construction
2. ACT 2440 Specifications and Estimating
3. ACT 1161 Residential Design and Construction
4. CIT 2110 Structural Mechanics

Students will review materials for each of the four areas and prepare for each section of the Program Exit Exam. Practice tests will be available for each of the four areas and students can consult with ACT/CIT faculty for assistance in any of the areas.

Each of the four sections of the Program Exit Exam will be given at two to three week intervals.
Part II.
Each student will be required to prepare a cover letter and resume and participate in mock interview at the NSCC Career Center. It is the student’s responsibility to schedule the mock interview. All students are required to attend one community service event.

Requirements:
1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Mock interview
4. Community service event

TEXTBOOK: none

REFERENCE MATERIALS: Current text books and other materials will be kept on reserve in the ACT resource room (W-91 A) and will be available during ACT, CAD or CIT class times in W-91.

PRACTICE TESTS: Practice tests, study guides and other course materials are available at the NS online ENGT 2800 course shell.

Performance Assessment
Exit Exam 50%
Job seeking skills 50%

Grading Scale
The point total will be converted to percentages applied to the grading scale

A 100-90; B 89-81; C 79-70; D 69-60; F 59 – below

Lab/Studio time
Additional open Studio/lab time will be available as scheduled.
Students may also use the Studio during other scheduled class times if space is available and with the permission of the instructor present.

Attendance Policy
Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Every student will be permitted two excused absences for the semester. Unexcused absences beyond that will result in the deduction of two (2) percentage points for each class/lab session absence from the student’s final grade. If a student is absent from a class, he/she should give advanced notice via email to the instructor. The student is responsible for all assigned work/tests and/or quizzes in the course for an excused absence. Assigned Work/tests and/or quizzes cannot be made up for an unexcused absence. Tardiness may also affect a student’s final grade

Failure to attend class will result in a final course grade of “FA” or “FN” (see explanation below) depending on the individual instructor’s course policy.
FA= failure, attendance-related (unofficial withdrawal) Last recorded date of attendance required.
FN= failure, never attended class (unofficial withdrawal)
Student Communication Channels
It is the student’s responsibility to check NS online (D2L course shell) and MyNSCC email on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students. Students are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L contains specific course information and MyNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

Early Warning System
Nashville State Community College has implemented an Early Warning System to notify students via e-mail about academic problems such as poor classroom attendance, poor performance on assignments/tests, poor communication skills, late/missing assignments, and/or lack of classroom participation. Please note that Early Warning Alerts do not affect a student’s academic standing.

ADA Compliance Statement
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any special accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Student Disabilities Office at 353.3721.

Classroom Misconduct
Nashville State Community College has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Please consult your Student Handbook for more specific details.

The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity. He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or in conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.

Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, lap-top computers, games, etc.).

Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or unattended on campus.

Academic Dishonesty (Honor Code)
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. “Plagiarism may result from: (1) failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas, (2) failing to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks, and (3) failing to put summaries and paraphrases in your own words (A Writer’s Reference 331). Academic dishonesty may be defined as, but is not limited to, intentionally trying to deceive by claiming credit for the work of another person, using information from a web page or source without citing the reference, fraudulently using someone else’s work on an exam, paper, or assignment, recycling your own work from another course, purchasing papers or materials from another source and presenting them as your own, attempting to obtain exams/materials/assignments in advance of the date of administration by the instructor, impersonating someone else in a testing situation, providing confidential test information to someone else, submitting the same assignment in two different
classes without requesting both instructor’s permission, allowing someone else to copy or use your work, using someone else’s work to complete your own, altering documents, transcripts or grades, and forging a faculty/staff member’s signature.

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty the instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “Zero” for the exercise, paper, or examination or to assign an “F” for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

**Inclement Weather Policy**

In the event of an inclement weather event, check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nscc.edu for announcements on campus closures. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations (channels 2, 4, 5, and 17).

When classes are cancelled, an online assignment will be posted in NS Online. Check your NS Online email for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Even though classes may be cancelled, some areas, i.e. Testing Center, may be open. However, you should check before commuting to campus.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Director of Security are responsible for cancellation decisions during an inclement weather event for the Nashville State main campus and the Southeast campus. Cookeville, Waverly, and Dickson Campus Directors will make class cancellation decisions based on conditions in their respective areas. Decisions about class cancellations are based on actual conditions, not forecasts. The perspective used for making decisions is that of the college as an employer, not as a K-12 institution. **Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.**