

**CMS 220...Interpersonal Communications**  
**Summer 2017 3 Credit Hours**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Wednesdays)**

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**Course Description:**

This course focuses upon the nature and influence of communicative behavior in close, personal relationships. Interpersonal communication structure and processes will be explored as they relate to the development and maintenance of identities, friendships, romantic, and family relationships.

**Course Objectives:**

Through thorough examination and discussion of theoretical study and practice of communication exercises, at the end of this course, each participant should:

1. Establish effective interpersonal, intrapersonal, and group communication
2. Know the techniques for improvement of communication skills
3. Be able to assess his/her communication skills
4. Become aware of barriers to effective communication
5. Be aware of different perceptions and possibilities for interpretation of communication

**Text:**

Communicate! A Workbook for Interpersonal Communication.

Communication Research Associates. 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co. 2004.  
ISBN: 0-7575-1332-8

**Workbooks must be purchased new.**  
**Used workbooks will not be acceptable for this course.**  
**You must have your workbook with you**  
**for every class meeting!**

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