Study program: Special Education and Rehabilitation for Persons with Difficulties in Mental Development

Type and level of studies: Basic Academic Studies

#### Title of the subject: Alternative Forms of Treatment for Persons with Difficulties in Mental Development

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Course status: Elective

# ECTS: 5

## Prerequisites: No prerequisites

## Aim:

Introducing students with characteristics of alternative forms of treatment for persons with difficulties in mental development that are used in the country and the world, as well as potential applications of this concept in practice

### **Outcomes:**

Students acquire knowledge of various alternative forms which can be used within the rehabilitation process of person with difficulties in mental development, depending on the indications and needs.

## Content

Lectures:

Alternative and Complementary Medicine; Objectives, types and roles of alternative treatments for persons with difficulties in mental development; Animal-assisted interventions (Animal-Assisted Activities & Animal-Assisted Therapy); Most commonly species of animals involved in interventions (horses, dogs, cats, dolphins...); Hippotherapy and therapeutic riding; Green Care (Healing gardens, Healing environment, Horticultural therapy, Ecotherapy, Care farming, Wilderness therapy); Art therapy; Brain Gym (Brain Gym exercises in function of learning, reading and writing, concentration); Yoga and Tai Chi Chuan; Homeopathy and Hyperbaric oxygen therapy; Apitherapy and Aromatherapy; Therapeutic massage. *Practical work:* 

Practical exercises is complementary and includes analysis of the typical examples which illustrate the theoretical content.Visits- Association for Hypotherapy and Equine-assisted activities Potkovica", Belgrade; *Jevremovac Botanical Garden*, Belgrade; Elementary school "Sava Jovanovic Sirogojno", Zemun (sensory room, salty cave, room for kinesitherapy and massage...)

# Literature

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Number of active classes per week:	Lecture: 2	Practical work: 1

### **Teaching methods:**

Lectures, practical exercises, case studies, demonstrations, multimedia. interactive teaching, workshops

Evaluation of knowledge (maximum score 100)			
Pre obligations	Score	Final exam	Score
activites during the lectures	5	written exam	
practical teaching	10	oral exam	55
midterm(s)	30		
seminars			