

**Eastern WV Community & Technical College  
Master Course Record**

<b>Course Prefix and Number:</b> COM 100
<b>Course Title:</b> Introduction to Braille
<b>Recommended Transcript Title</b> (if over 40 characters) Introduction to Braille
<b>Date Approved/Revised</b>
<b>Credit Hours:</b> 3 <b>Contact hours per week (Based on 15 week term):</b> <b>Lecture:</b> 3 <b>Lab:</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> (Include any exam or placement scores) <b>Corequisite:</b> <b>Pre/Corequisite:</b>
<b>Grading Mode:</b> Letter Grade
<b>Catalog Description:</b> This course will introduce students to Braille; participants will learn how to read and write Braille and will become familiar with methods and materials used to teach Braille reading and writing to vision impaired students.
<b>Course Outcomes:</b> <b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce simple Braille documents</li> <li>• Read Braille</li> <li>• Recognize six-dot cell positions</li> <li>• Load paper into a Braille writer</li> <li>• Demonstrate usage of Braille writer</li> <li>• Use slate and stylus to produce a simple Braille document</li> <li>• Utilize contracted Braille coding in reading and writing</li> <li>• Demonstrate K-6 Nemeth Code to write mathematical equations</li> <li>• Use Nemeth Code to write numerals, variables and math symbols</li> <li>• Utilize reference materials to apply code rules</li> <li>• Demonstrate all Braille contractions, numbers, punctuation and composition signs</li> <li>• Demonstrate use to applicable code rules while transcribing print materials into Braille</li> <li>• Transcribe print materials into Braille</li> <li>• Sight-read Braille from a Braille document or printed Braille document</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation Cycle:</b> Fall
<b>Role in College Curriculum: (Check all that apply)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>General Education Core (Specify category)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Technical Core (Specify Program)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Restricted Elective (Specify Program)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>General Elective</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Workforce Education</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other (Please specify)</b>
<b>Course Fee:</b> None

**Instructor's Qualifications:** Master's degree preferred. Endorsement in teaching visually impaired K-12 and experience in teaching using the Braille code to both children and adults.

**Expanded Course Description** (provides details regarding major course concepts, target audience, delivery format, etc)

This course is designed to teach the student to read, write, and translate Braille. Students will complete both written and oral assignments, in class and as homework. Students will complete periodic quizzes and both mid-term and final examinations.

The material will be delivered in lectures, practice, question & answer sessions and examination. The course is designed to give the parent, family, friend or acquaintance of a Braille user the ability to communicate with them in Braille. The course will provide beginning Braille skills for the teacher of a Braille user as well as an awareness of Braille to the student interested in acquiring those skills.

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