



Physical Education 1164.103CL  
**Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness**  
Fall 2023 Semester - 16 Weeks  
Monday and Wednesday 11:00 am – 12:20 am  
COM Gym – Room 118

### **Instructor Information**

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**Student Office Hours and Location:** Student office hours are set aside for tutorials and questions about our class. If you prefer to meet face-to-face during our student office hours Monday - Thursday, simply drop by my office, which is room 123 in the gym. We can also meet virtually on Monday – Thursday. Virtual meetings will take place through Microsoft Teams, and you will have the option of chatting, voice calls and video conferencing to ask questions about the class. During this time, I will also respond through COM email. Virtual only student office hours will be on Friday. See the schedule below.

Student Office Hours:

- Monday and Wednesday
  - 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm – face-to-face or virtual
- Tuesday and Thursday
  - 9:30 am – 10:45 am – face-to-face or virtual
- Friday
  - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – virtual only

All other times during the week by appointment. Please contact me to schedule a meeting.

### **Utilizing the COM Gym:**

Hours of Operation

- Monday - Friday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Saturday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Sunday from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

To Enter and Use the COM Gym Facility

- You must have your COM I.D.
- If you do not have a COM I.D., to have one made, go to the Welcome Center which is on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of our Administration Building (building #2).

- You must wear sneakers and appropriate gym attire (“yoga” pants, shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, etc.)

**Required Textbook/Materials:** The Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness PHED 1164 course workbook is required for this class and will be needed for week 1. See the two options below and choose which works best for you.

Option 1 - Hard copies of the course workbook are available in the COM bookstore. You will be able to complete the required lab activities (fitness assessments and tracking your workouts) by writing in the course workbook.

The COM bookstore link is below:

<http://www.combookstore.com/home>

Option 2 – A **free** digital copy of the course workbook is available in D2L. You will be able to download the document to your computer. Print out the pages, put them in a 3-ring binder, and bring your DIY course workbook with you to class 😊.

**Course Description:** This course will provide an overview of the lifestyle necessary for fitness and health. Students will participate in physical activities and assess their fitness status. Students will be introduced to proper nutrition, weight management, cardiovascular health, flexibility, and strength training.

**Course Requirements:**

- COM ID
- Course workbook
- Workout shoes and clothes
- Computer and internet access

Computer and internet access are necessary to complete most assignments. If you do not have a computer and internet access, you may utilize the computers in the COM Library.

If you experience technology issues with COM software or applications (D2L, Office 365, etc.), immediately notify the COM Educational Technology department by submitting a support ticket. On our course menu in D2L, click on the Help with D2L link to submit your support ticket. You may also follow the link below to submit your support ticket:

<http://de-support.com.edu/requests>

Technology issues outside of COM’s control (personal computer problems, power outages, etc.) may not justify an extension of an assignment due date. In these instances, contact me within 24 hours of the issue so we can discuss your options.

**Assignments:**

During the semester you will be completing assignments and workouts along with reviewing course material. You may be evaluated through instructor observation, assignment rubrics, peer assessment and standardized testing.

Below is a brief description of the assignments. Check the course outline on the syllabus for weekly due dates.

**Discussion Board - Who Am I? = 20 pts.**

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 15 minutes. This assignment is your opportunity to learn about your instructor and other students as well as to share about yourself.

**My Personal Fitness & Wellness Program (parts 1, 2, 3, & 4) = 660 pts.**

Part 1 – My Target Heart Rate = 10 pts.

This assignment is based on the 2nd step of the self-help approach to behavior change which is setting goals. Before beginning your first workout, you will calculate a safe and effective training intensity (exercising heart rate) to adhere to during all your cardiorespiratory “cardio” workouts.

Part 2 – My Workouts = 25 pts. for each workout X 22 workouts = 550 pts.

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 22 hours (about 1 hour per workout). Your workouts are based on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> steps of the self-help approach to behavior change which are setting goals, formulating an action plan, and evaluating progress. You will complete, track, and submit workouts throughout the semester according to the schedule below. You will also make changes to your workouts, as needed, to reach your fitness goals.

Part 3 – My Reflection Journal = 5 pts. for each journal entry X 12 weekly entries = 60 pts.

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is about 15 minutes per week). This assignment is based on the 4<sup>th</sup> step of the self-help approach to behavior change which is evaluating progress.

The practice of reflecting is a positive method for processing and retaining information learned in this course or through additional topics of interest. The ability to summarize what you have learned and apply that knowledge is a powerful learning opportunity.

Each week you will reflect upon your weekly workouts, any prompts I may provide, and how you are progressing. Then you will record your thoughts in a journal entry in your course workbook.

Part 4 – My Mental Health Tools = 5 pts. for each journal entry X 8 weekly entries = 40 pts.

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is about 15 minutes per week. This assignment is based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> step of the self-help approach to behavior change which is formulating an action plan. You will choose 2 tools for improving your mental health and practice with those tools each week. At least 1 of the 2 mental health tools you practice with each week must come from the three options we will discuss in class. Each week you will record which 2 tools you practiced with in your course workbook.

**My Fitness Assessment (parts 1 & 2) = 55 pts.**

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 2 ½ hours.

**Part 1 – My Assessment = 35 pts.**

This portion of the assignment is based on the 1st step of the self-help approach to behavior change, which is assessing behavior. You will determine your current fitness level by means of a general fitness assessment.

**Part 2 – My Fitness Goals = 20 pts.**

This is based on the 2nd and 3rd steps of the self-help approach to behavior change which are setting goals and formulating an action plan. You will set fitness goals and develop an action plan for overcoming barriers you will experience while working towards these goals.

**My Diet (parts 1, 2, 3 & 4) = 90 pts.**

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 4 hours.

**Part 1 – My Healthy Body Weight = 20 pts**

We often hear recommendations like “Eat a healthy diet”, “Track your macros”, “Eat less move more”, etc. Those recommendations for nutrition and physical activity are simplistic and too broad. You will learn about the pros and cons of nutrition and activity tracking and the impact they may have on motivation.

**Part 1 – My 3 Day Food Log = 30 pts.**

This part is also based on the 1<sup>st</sup> step of the self-help approach to behavior change, which is assessing behavior. You will utilize an assigned website or app to complete a 3 Day food log and diet assessment. You will also calculate the average amount of sugar and fiber in your diet and compare it to the American Heart Association recommendations.

**Part 2 – My Nutritious Grocery List = 20 pts.**

This portion of the assignment (see what I did there 😊) is based on the 3rd step of the self-help approach to behavior change, which is formulating an action plan. You will create your own nutritious grocery list by considering your personal food preferences and current financial situation.

**Part 4 – My Nutrition Goals = 20 pts**

This is based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd steps of the self-help approach to behavior change which are setting goals and formulating an action plan. You will set nutrition goals and develop an action plan for overcoming barriers you will experience while working towards these goals.

**My Health Risks (parts 1 & 2) = 50 pts.**

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 3 hours.

**Part 1 – My Disease Risk Assessment = 20 pts.**

This is based on the 1<sup>st</sup> step of the self-help approach to behavior change, which is assessing behavior. You will assess your risk of developing cancer, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes.

These 4 diseases are known as hypokinetic diseases. They are conditions associated with inactivity and poor fitness levels.

Part 2 – My Disease Risk Research = 30 pts.

This part of the assignment is based on the 3rd step of the self-help approach to behavior change, which is formulating an action plan. You will be completing online research on the 4 diseases you assessed your risk of in part 1, cancer, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. You will also complete research on stress, addiction, and one infectious disease.

**My Discussion Topics = 50 pts.**

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 2 hours.

The discussion topics will require critical thinking and application of knowledge. You will have the opportunity to reflect on your prior knowledge of the topics and share what you learn about the topic based on the information and prompts provided.

Topic #1 – The Dimensions of Wellness and the Stages of Change = 25 pts.

You will share examples of how the dimensions of wellness and stages of change have impacted your life.

Topic #2 – The Components of Fitness = 25 pts.

You will share examples of how the components of fitness may be involved in your future health and wellness.

**My Group Wellness Presentation = 50 pts.**

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**My Final Fitness Assessment (parts 1 & 2) = 55 pts.**

The estimated amount of time needed to complete this assignment is 2 ½ hours.

Part 1 – My Assessment = 35 pts.

This part is based on the 4<sup>th</sup> step of the self-help approach to behavior change which is evaluating progress. You will complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> fitness assessment at the end of the semester and compare the results to your initial fitness assessment.

Part 2 – My Cardio Test = 20 pts.

This part of the assessment is based on the 1st step of the self-help approach to behavior change, which is assessing behavior. You will complete a cardiorespiratory test to measure your level aerobic fitness. Level. There are four options: 1 mile walk test, 1.5 mile run or run & walk test, 12-minute cycling test and 12-minute swim test. Choose the option that best suits your ability.

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:**

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| Who Am I?                              | = 20 points |
| My Personal Fitness & Wellness Program |             |
| • My Target Heart Rate                 | = 10 points |

• My Workouts		
22 Workouts @ 25 points per		= 550 points
• My Reflection Journal Entries		
12 Weekly Journal Entries @ 5 points per		= 60 points
• My Mental Health Tools Practice		
8 Weekly Journal Entries @ 5 points per		= 40 points
My Fitness Assessment		= 55 points
My Discussion Topics		
• Topic #1		= 25 points
• Topic #2		= 25 points
My Diet		= 90 points
My Health Risks		= 50 points
My Group Wellness Presentation		= 50 points
My Final Fitness Assessment		= 55 points
Total Possible		= 1030 points

Grading Scale:

895 - 1030	points = A
795 - 894	points = B
695 - 794	points = C
595 - 694	points = D
0 - 594	points = F

**Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra Credit Policy:** You are expected to complete and submit work on time. If you are not able to submit an assignment by the due date, you may submit the assignment late and earn 80% credit. Late assignments are typically due within 14 days of the original due date. Assignments are not accepted for credit once the semester ends.

Extra credit work is not typically offered. You will have an opportunity to revise (correct) and resubmit most assignments. All revisions and resubmissions are typically due within 14 days of the original due date. Revised assignments are not accepted once the semester ends.

There is one exception to this policy. If you are not able to complete any of your required course workouts (absent from class) due to a busy schedule, illness, injury, etc. you will have the option of making up those workouts in the COM gym without penalty. Below is the policy regarding make-up workouts:

- You may make up only 2 workouts per week. This is to protect you from over training since you will already be completing the required workouts during any given week plus make-up workouts.
- You may attend one of my other face-to-face classes to complete a make-up workout or drop by the COM gym during our face-to-face Student Office Hours to complete a make-up workout.

- Make sure to check in with me before you begin your make-up workout in the COM gym and then check out with me when you have finished.
- Other options may be available depending on your situation and my availability on campus.

**Attendance Policy:** You are required to attend class on a regular basis. COM policy states that “students are not permitted a determined number of absences”. Full participation in all course activities is required to earn credit for all graded activities.

**Communicating With Your Instructor:** Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through personal email accounts. Electronic communication of this nature must be through your COM email.

Student Learner Outcome (SLO)	Maps to Core Objective(s)	Assessed via this Assignment
Describe how the components of physical fitness impact health and wellness.	N/A	Discussion Topic #2 – Components of Fitness
Explain the influence of personal behaviors and personal responsibilities on the development, treatment, and prevention of hypokinetic diseases, infectious diseases, stress, and addiction.	N/A	My Health Risks
Analyze the relationship between physical activity, inactivity, and nutrition on weight and body composition.	Empirical and Quantitative Skills	My Diet
Plan, implement, and evaluate a personal fitness program.	Critical Thinking	My Personal Fitness & Wellness Program
Develop an appreciation and positive attitude for a healthy lifestyle and the effects of global trends on physical activity.	Teamwork and Communication	My Group Wellness Presentation

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams, quizzes or assignments is an extremely serious offense and will result in a grade of zero. The student will also be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for appropriate disciplinary action.

**Student Concerns:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Sheena Abernathy, Science and Engineering Department Head, at 409-933-8330 or [sabernathy@com.edu](mailto:sabernathy@com.edu)

**Course Outline:**

Week	Day	Date	Classroom	Workout	Reflection Journal	Mental Health
Wk. 1	Mon	8/28	Class Discussion - PE Hall of Shame & Failure	No	No	No

			Complete Who Am I?			
	Wed	8/30	Class Discussion – My Fitness Goals Begin My Fitness Assessment <b>(due 9/6/23)</b>	No	No	No
Wk. 2	Mon	9/4	College Closed – Labor Day	No	No	No
	Wed	9/6	Complete My Fitness Assessment Begin Discussion Topic #1 <b>(due 9/11/23)</b>	No	No	No
Wk. 3	Mon	9/11	Complete Discussion Topic #1 Active Learning – Cardiorespiratory Training	#1	No	No
	Wed	9/13	Active Learning - Workout Logs	#2	No	No
Wk. 4	Mon	9/18	Active Learning – Stretching	#3	No	No
	Wed	9/20	Active Learning - My Reflection Journal Entries	#4	#1	No
Wk. 5	Mon	9/25	Begin My Diet – complete part 1 <b>(due 10/9/23)</b>	#5	No	No
	Wed	9/27	Class Discussion – Nutrition	#6	#2	No
Wk. 6	Mon	10/2	Continue My Diet <b>(due 10/9/23)</b>	No	No	No
	Wed	10/4	Active Learning - Nutrition	#7	#3	No
Wk. 7	Mon	10/9	Class Discussion – Strength Training	#8	No	No
	Wed	10/11	Active Learning – Strength Training	#9	#4	No
Wk. 8	Mon	10/16	Class Discussion – Mental Health	#10	No	No
	Wed	10/18	Active Learning – My Mental Health Practice	#11	#5	#1
Wk. 9	Mon	10/23	Begin Discussion Topic #2 <b>(due 10/25/23)</b>	#12	No	No
	Wed	10/25	Complete Discussion Topic #2	#13	#6	#2
Wk. 10	Mon	10/30	Begin My Health Risks <b>(due 11/13/23)</b>	No	No	No
	Wed	11/1	Class Discussion – My Health Risks	#14	#7	#3
Wk. 11	Mon	11/6	Class Discussion – Sleep	#15	No	No
	Wed	11/8	Active Learning – To Be Determined	#16	#8	#4
Wk. 12	Mon	11/13	Active Learning – To Be Determined	#17	No	No
	Wed	11/15	Active Learning – To Be Determined	#18	#9	#5
Wk. 13	Mon	11/20	Begin My Group Wellness Presentation <b>(due 12/4/23)</b>	#19	No	No
	Wed	11/22	Continue My Group Wellness Presentation <b>(due 12/4/23)</b>	#20	#10	#6
Wk. 14	Mon	11/27	Continue My Group Wellness Presentation <b>(due 12/4/23)</b>	#21	No	No
	Wed	11/29	Continue My Group Wellness Presentation <b>(due 12/4/23)</b>	#22	#11	#7
Wk. 15	Mon	12/4	Present - My Group Wellness Presentation	No	No	No
	Wed	12/6	Begin My Final Fitness Assessment <b>(due 12/11/23)</b>	No	#12	#8
Wk. 16	Mon	12/11	Complete My Final Fitness Assessment	No	No	No
	Wed	12/13	Optional Make-up Workout	No	No	No

**Classroom Conduct Policy:** College of the Mainland requires that students enrolled at COM be familiar with the Standards of Student Conduct, which can be found in the on-line Student Handbook. <http://www.com.edu/student-services/student-handbook.php>. Any



violations of the Code of Conduct will result in a referral to the Office for student Conduct and may result in dismissal from this class.

**COM Honors Program Mission Statement:** The College of the Mainland (COM) Honors Program provides highly motivated students challenges above and beyond their typical coursework. Students may enroll in honors courses or seek honors contracts and work one-on-one with COM faculty to develop independent projects. Honors contracts enhance students' work ethic and provide opportunities to expand academic networks.

If you are interested in earning honors credit in our course, please let me know. I would be happy to meet with you and discuss your options and the process.

**Honors Scholars Recognition:** Any student who completes at least 12 honors credit hours, maintains a GPA of 3.5 or higher, completes at least 24 hours of approved community service and completes at least 18 hours at COM will be recognized as a COM scholar at graduation.

**Technology Outage Policy:** Students are responsible for completing all course work by the due dates stated in the syllabus. Occasionally the College may experience emergency campus-wide technology outages, should this occur during an exam or submission of an assignment on D2L, you will need to notify the instructor. The due date will be extended after the campus-wide outage is confirmed by Informational Technology. An announcement/email will be sent to all students relaying the information about the new due date.

### **Institutional Policies and Guidelines**

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student\\_Handbook\\_2023-2024\\_v2.pdf](https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2023-2024_v2.pdf). An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or [klachney@com.edu](mailto:klachney@com.edu). The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a “W” grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is October 11. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is November 28. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is December 7.

**FN Grading:** The FN grade is issued in cases of failure due to a lack of attendance, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program, you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**Resources to Help with Stress:**

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at [deanofstudents@com.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@com.edu) or [communityresources@com.edu](mailto:communityresources@com.edu).