

Dakota County Technical College

NANO 1100: Fundamentals of Nanotechnology I

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The course provides an introduction into nanoscience and includes the history of nanotechnology and also an introduction into the tools used to study the world at the nanoscale. This course also covers a sense of scale, exponential notation, surface area to volume ratio, molecular and atomic structure and the various forces that are predominant at various scale levels (macro, micro and nano). Understanding of these concepts is fundamental to learning how nanoscale interactions and phenomena differ from those in our common macroscale world. Societal impacts along with a technology maturity model are also considered as they apply to nanoscience. Finally this first course provides specific study of the application of nanotechnology to biological areas such as the study of proteins, drug interactions, cell operation and ion channels. Sensing systems and newly developed diagnostic tools that are a result of understanding the biological system at the nanoscale are also discussed. Students taking this course should either have successfully completed a college biology course, physics course (first semester) and algebra or be taking these courses concurrently with the 1100 course.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/23/2004 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. biological processes applied to sensor applications, energy production and agricultural based products
2. nanotechnology being applied to diagnostic medicine and treatment approaches
3. physical parameters important for different applications
4. potential societal impacts of nanobiotechnology
5. tools used to work at the nanoscale in the biology area
6. understand concept of scale - meter to angstrom
7. understand terminology and vocabulary used to discuss nanoscale phenomena

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted