

# TEAC 7001 ABORIGINAL & CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PEDAGOGIES

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102085

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**Description** In this unit students will be introduced to research, perspectives and practices associated with successful and culturally appropriate curriculum and pedagogy for teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescent students. The unit is informed by current research practices, policy developments and curriculum deliverables that require culturally appropriate, responsive, respectful and informed teaching and learning practices that will benefit all education participants. Students will gain knowledge, insight, skills and appreciation of the importance and implications of consultation, negotiation and two-way partnerships with local Aboriginal communities and schools. It will also focus on empowering students to effectively reflect on all aspects of inquiry-based teaching with respect to Aboriginal perspectives and the delivery of lessons and effective support to all secondary students.

**School** Education

**Discipline** Teacher Education: Secondary

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Restrictions**

Students must be enrolled in 1714 Master of Teaching (Secondary) or 1848 Master of Teaching (Secondary) STEM.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, the impact of culture, cultural identity and diversity, and languages in rural, remote and urban schooling.
2. Identify specific learning needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescent students in rural, remote and urban settings.
3. Examine the roles and responsibilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support personnel within systems and at school, and their contribution to education and community in improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescent students.
4. Apply evidence-based principles when selecting specific literacy and numeracy strategies and developing resources that address the cultural and Aboriginal English and language learning needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescent students.
5. Assess Australian and NSW government educational priorities and policies which impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education.
6. Evaluate the role teachers, staff and schools play in the promotion of communication strategies which will enhance community

consultation and the establishment of partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents and communities.

## Subject Content

- 1.???? What does it mean to be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- 2.???? What role does Aboriginal history play in the understanding of Australia and its national and international identity? Why is developing an understanding of Aboriginal history and cultures important in teacher education? Why are perspectives and deep knowledge of Aboriginal history; key government policies, legislation and legal decisions in relation to land and water rights, and heritage and identity important to the life of an effective teacher? How will teachers use this knowledge in their own teaching areas to provide engagement, authenticity and respect in the delivery of content to students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds?
- 3.???? What do current attendance, retention, literacy, numeracy and suspension data tell us about the status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education in Australia? How representative are these data of Australian community expectations? What can be done to improve the life outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students?
- 4.???? What are current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander educational policies? How are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and delivery requirements embedded in the curriculum? What does research tell us about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education
  - a.??? Brief history of Aboriginal education and policy
  - b.??? Definitions and complexities of Aboriginal identities
  - c.??? Demographics and schooling: what are the links? My School, NAPLAN, Australian Curriculum
  - d.??? Distribution of power and power relationships in schools
  - e.??? School is for me (2006) / Teachers for a Fair Go (2012)
  - f.???? Review of Aboriginal education (2005)
  - g.??? For example Yunkaporta (2009) and Sarra (2007)
- 5.???? How can teachers and schools enhance community consultation and the establishment of partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents and communities? How do teachers and schools work with community to develop and sustain resource networks, classroom materials, strategies and partnerships that are appropriate for our teaching?
  - a.??? Working with schools developing a whole school plan
  - b.??? Aboriginal Education Policy 2010
  - c.??? Working with community, Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups, Aboriginal workers and professional associations parents and caregivers, and school support staff

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Essay	2,000 Words	50	N	Individual
Professional Task	3,000 Words	30	N	Individual
Reflection	1,000 Words	20	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Summer A

### Penrith (Kingswood)

#### Day

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## Autumn

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