

# TEAC 7041 EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102146

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**Description** From 2020 students should note that core units are now taught in semesters rather than half yearly sessions. This unit supports the development of students' knowledge and skills by analysing a range of consultation models; examining the perspectives and needs of families as well as professionals from different discipline backgrounds; and developing effective interpersonal communication skills, collaborative problem solving, dispute resolution, teamwork and teambuilding. In addition, professionals with advanced knowledge of inclusive education and disability studies may serve as agents of change within their professional setting. The unit explores this role and encourages students to reflect upon how they may enact this ability to advocate inclusive education and facilitate the capacity of others.

**School** Education

**Discipline** Teacher Education: Special Education

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

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1682 Master of Special Education; 1714 Master of Teaching (Secondary); 1720 Master of Inclusive Education; 1721 Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education or 1911 Master of Education.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify the changing nature of service delivery for individuals with additional needs, and the implications for the way professionals partner, facilitate, consult and lead.
2. Determine the varied and multiple perspectives of key partners (e.g. the individual, families, other professionals).
3. Analyse the efficacy of models of practice and the implication for working relationships and roles.
4. Evaluate key professional and personal skills required in the field.
5. Reflect on personal and professional attributes and skills that may assist or hinder their capacity to partner, facilitate, consult and lead.
6. Create professional goals to develop skills to partner, facilitate, consult and lead.

## Subject Content

1. Critique of the changing nature of service delivery and the shifting roles of professionals.
2. Exploration of the multiple roles and vital partnerships experienced by professionals.
3. Perspective-taking for the individual, families and other professionals.

4. Models of practice and ways of working (e.g. team around the child).
5. Review of empirical research that evaluates the impact of partnership models.
6. Analysis of key skills required in the current field (e.g. communication, conflict resolution, case management).
7. Reflection on personal attributes and skills as well as critiquing previous professional experience.
8. Goals for professional and personal growth in relation to partnering, communicating and facilitating.

## 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	2,500 words	50	N	Individual
Case Study	2,500 words	50	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Spring Online

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