



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Instructional Psychology: Lifelong Learning						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
FET	4220	40623	1, 2005	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOEDU
Academic org:	FOE003
Student contribution band:	National Priority Teaching
ASCED code:	070109

STAFFING

Examiner: Bill Bittel

RATIONALE

The learning needs and styles of adults have been shown to differ significantly from the learning needs and styles of students below compulsory school attendance age. Teachers in post-compulsory education settings should have a clear understanding of the characteristics of adult learners and the nature of learning processes utilised by them. Such knowledge is an essential requirement if students are to improve their knowledge and skills in curriculum design, implementation and assessment.

SYNOPSIS

Within a framework of theories of human learning and adult development, this course will focus on the characteristics and learning needs of adult learners. In this course the students will develop an understanding of the learning characteristics of mature learners with particular emphasis on identifying the implications of these characteristics for curriculum design and instructional strategies at the post-compulsory level. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Working with Children: State law in Queensland requires that all adults (including university students, pre-service educators, trainers, vocational teachers, industry educators) working with children under the age of 18, in the State of Queensland*, obtain approval before commencing such work. Many education courses include a practical component (professional experience, project work, research, assessment etc.) that may require engagement with children under the age of 18. It is your responsibility to ensure that you possess a current suitability card (Blue Card) before commencing any practical components of this course. DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 UNLESS YOU POSSESS A CURRENT 'BLUE CARD'. For further information:**

<http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/employment/bluecard/informationSheets.html> *If you are undertaking practical experience outside the State of Queensland, Australia you should check local requirements.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course learners will be able to:

1. identify a wide range of characteristics of mature learners
2. identify types and components of learning processes utilised by mature learners
3. identify and analyse implications for teaching practices of interactions between learner-characteristics, learning processes and learning tasks in post-compulsory education.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Self directed learning and cognitive development	20.00
2. Learning theories and adult development	20.00
3. Motivation and intelligence	20.00
4. Gender roles, alienation and moral reasoning	20.00
5. Implications for adult education and training programs	20.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Bittel, B 1989, *Make your own tomorrow: adult learning and you*, Hyde Park Press, Adelaide.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Any recommended reference materials are referred to in the course introductory book.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessment	30.00
Directed Study	90.00
Private Study	45.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	999.00	10.00	24 Mar 2005 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 2	999.00	40.00	13 May 2005
ASSIGNMENT 3	999.00	50.00	10 Jun 2005

NOTES

1. Letter grades will be used in this course and displayed in the notes section.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available (or at least a grade of C-) for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
In this course, if students are more than two weeks late with the submission of any assessment task, they are required to contact the course examiner, who may, at his/her discretion, grant a further extension.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for those items.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks or grades obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 All pieces of graded summative assessment in this course will be graded using one of the following letter grades: HD, A, B, C, F or Incomplete. Plus and minus may be used with each of these letter grades.

- 2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of request being made by the examiner. The student must retain this copy until the grade for this course has been finalised.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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