STAFFING
Moderator: Andrew Sturman

RATIONALE
This course has been designed in response to a need for educators working in, or aspiring to work in, education and training settings to have a sound understanding of the broader post-compulsory education and training context. As such, a sound understanding of the forces that have shaped, and seek to shape, future developments in education and training contexts, and their impact on educators will be explored.

SYNOPSIS
This course introduces students to a range of factors that currently influence the design, delivery, and management of post-compulsory education and training. In particular, this course focuses on the evolving National Training Agenda, and its application and implications for vocational education and training. It also focuses on current trends within adult and community education programs. This course will require students to analyse their own instructional context in light of the factors and agendas identified within the course.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- identify the broad sectors of Australian post-compulsory education and training, each sector’s target/client group and the usual type of mainstream programs that are taken up by each group;
- demonstrate knowledge of the range of contexts in contemporary Australian post-compulsory education and training, especially in the areas of vocational education and training, and adult and community education;
- demonstrate historical knowledge of the key developments and milestones in Australian post-compulsory education and training, especially the evolving National Training Agenda;
• demonstrate knowledge of the current influences - political, economic and social - that seek to shape post-compulsory education and training;
• analyse critically these contexts, histories and influences in light of the theory and perspectives presented in the course; and
• apply this knowledge and these understandings and analysis to their own or related environments, workplaces and jobs.

**TOPICS**

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**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).

There are no set texts for this course.

**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 Introductory Book.

**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

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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 for each assessment item.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   The Department of Further Education and Training has an extension policy which enables students to be within two weeks of the due date for assignments before they need to contact the course examiner. If more than two weeks late with submission of assignments, students must contact the course examiner to negotiate 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 achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment 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.