Description: Instructional Psychology: Lifelong Learning

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STAFFING
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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

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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).


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

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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
   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 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the
   assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch
   date, if requested by the examiner.
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.

3 In accordance with the University’s assignment extension policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. 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 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media. The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile. Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

5 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next working day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner’s convenience.

6 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study.

7 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete - Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

8 When there is more than one marker for a single item of assessment, the distributed patterns and means for the different markers will be compared and marks adjusted if necessary.

9 Marking criteria are provided in course material as mark sheets/guides or as part of assignment specifications.

10 All assessment items must be submitted with a pass overall gained.

11 Summative assessment items will receive one of the following letter grades: HD+, HD, HD-, A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, F or IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up). Any ungraded assessment requirement will receive a Pass, Fail or Incomplete

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

1 Students will require access to e-mail and Internet access to USQConnect for this course.

2 Students are to use a recognised referencing system as specified by the examiner.

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