Description: Introduction to Curriculum and Pedagogy

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STAFFING
Examiner: Rick Churchill
Moderator: Kathryn Young

OTHER REQUISITES
State law in Queensland (Australia) requires that all adults working/undertaking professional experience/researching with children under the age of 18, in the state of Queensland are required to possess a current suitability card (Blue Card). (See "Other Requirements" for further information.) Also see: http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/employment/bluecard/informationSheets.html.

RATIONALE
In times of rapid social and economic change, and where Education Authorities mandate and implement curricula and pedagogical initiatives affecting major sectors, pre-service teachers require sound competence to comprehend and manage these directives. An understanding of curriculum and pedagogy is viewed as an essential component of a pre-service teacher's repertoire of skills and competencies. This course will focus on a beginning understanding of curriculum and pedagogy and how teachers might create relevant and meaningful teaching to enhance student learning, in a range of educational settings. Students will reflect on their past experiences and current knowledge to begin to develop justifiable theories about their professional action in a learning context.

SYNOPSIS
This course focuses on the integrative and interconnected nature of curriculum and pedagogy and how teachers might create relevant and meaningful teaching and learning in a range of educational settings. Beginning educators will be introduced to selected theories of curriculum and (at times contested) notions of pedagogy. The basics of curriculum planning and pedagogical practice across a variety of learning contexts and curriculum areas will also be introduced. Students will reflect on their past experiences and current knowledge in relation to observation on visits to schools and centres. Curriculum decision making and pedagogical practices will be developed as a collaborative and systemic process.
OBJECTIVES

The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate knowledge of current innovative state, national and international curriculum policies and documents
2. display knowledge, skills and conceptions of curriculum and pedagogical processes
3. demonstrate skills in collaborative planning, implementation and evaluation of learning contexts using multi-modal representations of knowledge
4. demonstrate an ability to plan for a problem-centred and creative learning environment using a repertoire of concepts and teaching strategies
5. demonstrate competence in and appropriate use of language and literacy, including spelling, grammar, punctuation and bibliographic referencing.

TOPICS

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<td>4. Introduction to planning for learning: episodes-individual, group and whole class; lessons; integrated planning; authentic assessment</td>
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<td>5. Pedagogical knowledges: Learner-centredness; focussed observation of students; selection of teaching strategies; group work</td>
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<td>6. Theorising about teaching practice: self-evaluation; recognition of values; 'hidden curriculum'; critical reflection</td>
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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).


(Semester 2, 2007: If students have already purchased the earlier edition of this text, they will not be required to purchase the later edition.)

**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.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**NOTES**

1. Students must successfully undertake the 5 days professional experience component and the academic component to pass this course. A mark of one (1) indicates you have passed the professional experience component. A mark of zero (0) indicates you have not passed the professional experience component. The weighting of 1% is used for administrative
purposes only and is NOT included in the overall weighting for this course. Examiner to advise the due date.

2. If for some reason the professional experience component is delayed, the reflection will be due the Monday immediately after completion of that professional experience.

**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and 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. To ensure that students can satisfy the objectives of the Professional Experience component of the course, attendance and active participation in lectures and tutorials in this course prior to undertaking Professional Experience is highly recommended.

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.

3. **Penalties for late submission of required work:**
   If assignments are submitted after the due date without an approved extension of time, university penalties of 10% per working day will be applied.

4. **Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:**
   In order to gain a passing grade in the course, students must complete and submit all items of assessment; complete the professional experience component; attain a passing grade or equivalent mark in at least two of the three coursework assessment items; and achieve a minimum of 50% of the total marks available for assessment in the course. Normally, there will be no opportunity for the resubmission of failed or unsatisfactory items of assessment. Students who do not achieve a passing grade in the course, may be eligible for supplementary assessment in the following circumstances; where the professional experience was completed successfully, and (i) at least two of the other three pass rules were satisfied, and (ii) a minimum of 40% of the available marks were attained for the failed item.

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 obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. **Examination information:**
   There will be no examination in this course.

7. **Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:**
   There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations for 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.

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. 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.

6. 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).

7. 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.

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

9. Summative assessment items will receive a numerical score. Any ungraded assessment requirement will receive a Pass, Fail or Incomplete.

10. Students must successfully undertake the 5 days professional experience component and the academic component to pass this course.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. 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:


   *If you
are undertaking practical experience outside the State of Queensland, Australia you should check local requirements.