Assessment of Student Learning
Graduate Certificate of Education

Assessment to Promote Learning
UNIT 1: GCEASLAPL

Designed for professional educators, this online unit of study provides an opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of the purpose and importance of assessment for learning.

Highly relevant to modern educational practice and designed for direct application to contemporary educational contexts, the Assessment to Promote Learning unit is a response to the data-driven nature of the modern teaching and learning environment. Drawing from research and evidence to improve teaching and learning for all students, unit participants will enhance both their teaching and assessment practices by developing greater capabilities in evidence-based decision-making, effective assessment design and critical evaluation of new and existing assessment methods.

Key information

- **Delivery mode**: Online
- **Credit points**: 12.5
- **Time commitment**: 10 weeks

- **Unit content**:
  - The purpose of assessing student learning
  - The need for assessment reform
  - Design principles for a Learning Assessment System
  - Evolving theories of human learning
  - Empirically based learning progressions

- **Unit outcomes**:
  Students will develop knowledge of:
  - the purpose and importance of assessment for learning;
  - the need to ground assessment design in research-based theories of the nature of learning and conditions that support learning;
  - design principles for a Learning Assessment System; and
  - the importance of empirically based learning domains for assessing student learning.

  Students will develop expertise in:
  - the critical reading of reports of learning research and student assessment research;
  - the practical skills of critically reviewing school and classroom assessment practices; and
  - the practical skills of proposing enhancements to school and classroom assessment practices.

- **Unit requirements**: An approved degree, or equivalent
- **Unit cost**: $1750.00

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