In this unit, participants will investigate the principles related to assessment validity, reliability, fairness, inclusivity and feasibility.

Participants will develop practical skills in selecting and implementing domain appropriate assessment methods. They will explore the strengths and limitations of a number of different assessment methods, including traditional methods as well as technologically-enhanced methods. Participants will develop an enhanced understanding of criteria for selecting different assessment methods and how these criteria can be used to inform decisions about assessment in their own educational context.

**Key information**

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**Unit content**

- Selecting and developing domain-appropriate assessment methods
- The importance of rubrics for recording observations
- Characteristics of rubrics used in a Learning Assessment System

**Unit outcomes**

Students will develop knowledge of:

- the importance of selecting assessment methods to provide useful information about where learners are in their learning within domains;
- considerations in developing domain-appropriate assessment tasks including: construct validity, reliability, objectivity, inclusivity and feasibility;
- the essential importance of task rubrics for recording responses to, or performances on, assessment tasks; and
- key elements of rubric design including: task-specificity, hierarchical organisation and qualitatively defined categories.

Students will develop expertise in:

- critical reading of reports of learning research and student assessment research;
- practical skills of analysing assessment data;
- practical skills of examining the strengths and limitations of different assessment methods; and
- practical skills of implementing and critically evaluating “new” assessment methods.

**Unit requirements**

- GCEASL01 – Assessment to Promote Learning
- An approved degree, or equivalent

**Unit cost**

- $1750.00

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