



EDED11454 *Education as a Profession*

Term 3 - 2017

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General Information

Overview

Education as a Profession examines the history and philosophy underpinning educational theory as a basis for understanding the role of education in contemporary society. Students investigate the impact of social, cultural and economic change on the professionalism of educators and concepts of quality and effective practice in educational settings to understand the role of "teacher as learner". They critically reflect on the contextual factors that influence what it means to be an educator in 21st century society and use Professional Standards and Codes of Ethics and/or Conduct relevant to the work of educators to develop an understanding of the relationship between social justice, ethical practice and professional identity. Students evaluate ways in which their own beliefs about teaching and learning affect professional practice and use ethical and professional standards to explain the rationale for ongoing professional learning and the implications for improved student learning. Students develop an understanding of the purpose of e-portfolios for documenting evidence of professional learning and create a personal response to key ideas about the purpose of contemporary education in the form of a digital artefact which is used to start the reflection process of maintaining and adding to the e-portfolio over the course of the course.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 1*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 3 - 2017

- Distance

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Portfolio**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Unit evaluation

Feedback

Employ an alternative method for the presentation of assessment task 2.

Recommendation

Review the requirement of the use of an ePortfolio for the second assessment task.

Feedback from Unit evaluation

Feedback

The description and requirements of the assessment tasks need to be re-considered so that they are appropriate for first year students.

Recommendation

Reword the assessment tasks and the scaffolding to support the completion of these tasks.

Feedback from Unit evaluation

Feedback

The unit navigation was well organised and the unit content was user-friendly.

Recommendation

Continue to use the current structure of the unit.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Identify social, cultural and economic changes that impact on the purposes and outcomes of education in 21st century Australian society.
2. Reflect on self as learner and discuss the relevance of personal and professional lifelong learning for educational professionals.
3. Reflect on the impact of personal perspectives of race, class, gender and identity formation on the professional role of educators.
4. Evaluate contemporary perspectives on social justice and their relationship to Professional Standards and Codes of Ethics and Conduct for professional educators.
5. Assess ways in which knowledge of educational contexts such as socioeconomic background, culture, identity and gender shape the decision-making of educators.

This unit incorporates essential professional behaviours embedded in the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. The development of an e-portfolio for demonstrating evidence of the standards at graduate level is introduced in this unit and can be used as the basis for registration, identification of professional learning needs and selection of evidence for professional folios for future employment interviews.

Successful completion of the unit Education as a Profession provides opportunities for students to demonstrate the following focus areas of the standards: 1.1, 1.3, 4.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.1 and 7.2. In addition, competency elements from the Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education and Care) including HLTHIR403C: 1 and 2; HLTHIR404D: 2; CHCCHILD401A: 1 and 3; and CHCCS400B: 1, 2, 3 and 4 are taught and assessed in this unit.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Written Assessment - 50%	•	•	•		•
2 - Portfolio - 50%	•		•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving					
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•			•	•
5 - Team Work					
6 - Information Technology Competence	•			•	
7 - Cross Cultural Competence		•	•		•
8 - Ethical practice			•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation					
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures					

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 50%	•		•			•	•	•		
2 - Portfolio - 50%	•		•	•		•	•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

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Prescribed

Teaching: making a difference

Edition: 3rd edn (2015)

Authors: Churchill, R. et al

Wiley

Milton , Queensland , Australia

ISBN: 9780730315452

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

This text will be used for the Term 2 unit Curriculum Foundations and Decision-making and will be a valuable resource throughout the Bachelor of Education course.

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 06 Nov 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Week 1 - Topic 1: Conceptions of teachers and teaching	Course Resources Online - Groundwater-Smith et al. 2011, pp. 3-11	
Week 1 - Topic 2: Personal and professional identify	Chapter 1 of Textbook	

Week 2 - 13 Nov 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Week 2 - Topic 3: Teacher responses to diversity	Course Resources Online - Snowman, 2009, pp.142-152	
Week 2 - Topic 4: Discourses of schooling	Chapter 2 of Textbook	

Week 3 - 20 Nov 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 3 - Topic 5: Education and social change Chapter 2 of Textbook
 Course Resources Online - Frost 2008
 Week 3 - Topic 6: Schools and educational equity Course Resources Online - Marsh, 2011, Chapter 19

Week 4 - 27 Nov 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Week 4 - Topic 7: Teaching as professional work	Course Resources Online - Darling-Hammond, 2006	
Week 4 - Topic 8: Teachers as learners	Course Resources Online - Lieberman & Mace, 2010 Ewing, Lowrie and Higgs, 2010	

Vacation Week - 04 Dec 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Vacation Week - No Class		

Week 5 - 11 Dec 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Week 5 - Topic 9: Professional Standards for Teachers		Assessment Task One Due Friday 15 December, 11:45pm AEST
Week 5 - Topic 10: Codes of Ethics and Conduct for the teaching profession	DETE, 2013 - Standard of practice	Written Assessment Due: Week 5 Friday (15 Dec 2017) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 6 - 18 Dec 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Week 6 - Topic 11: Ethical and legal issues that affect the work of teachers	Course Resources Online - Groundwater-Smith et al, 2011, pp. 27-40	
Week 6 - Topic 12: Review		

Week 7 - 01 Jan 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 8 - 08 Jan 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 9 - 15 Jan 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 10 - 22 Jan 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Assessment Task Two Due: Friday 26th January, 11:45pm AEST
		Critical Reflection Due: Week 10 Friday (26 Jan 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 11 - 29 Jan 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 12 - 05 Feb 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Review/Exam Week - 12 Feb 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Exam Week - 12 Feb 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Term Specific Information

PLEASE NOTE: This unit is a 6 week intensive unit. All unit content will be delivered over 6 weeks rather than the usual 12 weeks of term. This is to ensure you have a break from University over the festive period and also allow staff to have some time away from work too. The assessment tasks are due in Week 5 and 10 of the University calendar, however both assessment tasks may be submitted before the festive period if preferred.

Assessment Tasks

1 Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Autobiography

You will construct an autobiography (2000 words) that highlights selected experiences from your life and own personal experience of schooling and identify how they have shaped your beliefs about teaching and learning. You will also reflect on the impact that your cultural identity and beliefs about education may have on the ways in which you respond to the diversity of learners in contemporary Australian educational and care settings.

Your autobiography should include both written text along with other modes for representing your experience (e.g., images and captions, concept maps, diagrams, cartoon strips). Group discussion, readings and reflection activities conducted throughout the course and a series of prompting questions outlined in the weekly topics on the moodle site will help you select and develop ideas for your autobiography.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Friday (15 Dec 2017) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Monday (8 Jan 2018)

Feedback on this assessment response will be provided in sufficient time to allow for academic support and advice as necessary to inform students' responses to the next assessment task.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Understanding of the influence of social, economic and political factors on education and the impact of diversity and change on the work of teachers in the 21st century

Ability to select and analyse personal experiences that underpin the formation of beliefs about learning and teaching

Ability to reflect on personal and professional perspectives through the chosen metaphor

Understanding of the need for ongoing professional learning for teachers

Professional levels of personal literacy

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Upload this assessment task through the link provided on the unit moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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- Assess ways in which knowledge of educational contexts such as socioeconomic background, culture, identity and gender shape the decision-making of educators.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Critical Reflection

Assessment Type

Portfolio

Task Description

In this task, you will demonstrate your understanding of Professional Standards and Codes of Ethics and Conduct that guide the work of professional educators by creating an artefact (this artefact can be a diagram, mind map or combination of images and words) that responds to the question: *What does it mean to be a professional educator in the 21st century?*

You are encouraged to be creative in the construction of an artefact which must clearly show the relationship between the goals of the Melbourne Declaration and the principles that shape professional practice and the decision-making of educators outlined in Professional Standards, frameworks for good teaching and Codes of Ethics for teachers.

Your artefact should be accompanied by a written annotation in the form of a critical reflection essay of 1500 words that:

- (a) describes how your artefact represents key ideas about the impact of social, economic and cultural change on the purpose and outcomes of education in 21st century Australian society;
- (b) explains how your artefact reflects the way in which educators' work is affected by issues of social justice, diversity and equity, and ethical decision-making; and,
- (c) evaluates how Professional Standards and Codes of Ethics and Conduct guide the complex work of educators in contemporary educational settings and contribute to ongoing professional learning that improves outcomes for all learners. You will be expected to include references to the required text and course readings to support this annotation.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Friday (26 Jan 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Feedback on this final assessment response will be available after the date for Certification of Grades for the term.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Ability to analyse, evaluate and synthesise information from a range of sources to support a point of view

Knowledge and understanding of the range of factors influencing education policy

Ability to reflect critically on principles of equity, diversity and social justice and the relationship to teachers' professionalism and the complexity of educational environments

Demonstrated understanding of the nature of teaching as professional work and the role of professional standards and codes of ethics in guiding educators' decision-making

Application of academic conventions and personal literacy competence

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

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Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem