

Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Education, Arts & Community

Unit Title: Specific Learning Difficulties

Unit ID: EDBED4016

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED: 070113

Description of the Unit:

Approximately one in five children in every classroom is thought to experience learning difficulties. Children can experience difficulty with learning for many reasons which can be ameliorated with additional school-based learning support. This unit explores the learning needs of students including those with specific learning difficulties in areas such as reading, writing, numeracy and language. Students will build their professional knowledge of the nature and causes of learning difficulties and will also examine specific learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, and identify and apply teaching strategies that support learning for neuro-diverse students.

Grade Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

Work Experience:

No work experience

Placement Component: No

Supplementary Assessment: Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above, has completed all major assessment tasks (including all sub-components where a task has multiple parts) as specified in the Unit Description and is not eligible for any other form of supplementary assessment

Course Level:

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	✓	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Distinguish between the terms learning disability and learning difficulty, and the known causes and interrelatedness of individual, social or environmental factors related to each term
- K2.** Explore and analyse the learning needs of students, including those with specific learning difficulties in areas such as reading, writing, numeracy and language
- K3.** Examine specific learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia
- K4.** Apply relevant legislative requirements such as the Disability Standards for Education 2005

Skills:

- S1.** Identify school-based learning supports and recognise, apply and assess teaching strategies that support learning for children
- S2.** Recognise common signs in students who are experiencing difficulty with learning and identify educational needs and supports
- S3.** Share knowledge as a professional educator in an articulate and authoritative manner

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Investigate a specific learning difficulty, detailing identification, known causes, and identify targeted strategies and assessments to support learning
- A2.** Identify, assess and implement interventions to support students with learning difficulties

Unit Content:

- Causes of learning difficulties, eg student-related causes, social and environmental causes
- Neuro-diversity in the classroom
- The difference between a learning difficulty and a learning disability
- Common signs of learning difficulties
- Specific learning disabilities, eg dyslexia, dysgraphia, discalculia
- Assessment for learning difficulties
- Personalised lessons and activities for students
- Coaching for parents and carers
- Student agency in designing their own learning
- Individual learning plans
- The Disability Standards for Education 2005 and the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

FEDTASKS

Federation University Federation recognises that students require key transferable employability skills to prepare them for their future workplace and society. FEDTASKS (**T**ransferable **A**tttributes **S**kills and **K**nowledge) provide a targeted focus on five key transferable Attributes, Skills, and Knowledge that are be embedded within curriculum, developed gradually towards successful measures and interlinked with cross-discipline and Co-

operative Learning opportunities. *One or more FEDTASK, transferable Attributes, Skills or Knowledge must be evident in the specified learning outcomes and assessment for each FedUni Unit, and all must be directly assessed in each Course.*

FEDTASK attribute and descriptor		Development and acquisition of FEDTASKS in the Unit	
		Learning Outcomes (KSA)	Assessment task (AT#)
FEDTASK 1 Interpersonal	Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate, inter-act and work with others both individually and in groups. Students will be required to display skills in-person and/or online in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using effective verbal and non-verbal communication • Listening for meaning and influencing via active listening • Showing empathy for others • Negotiating and demonstrating conflict resolution skills • Working respectfully in cross-cultural and diverse teams. 	K1 ,K2, K3, S2, A1	AT1
FEDTASK 2 Leadership	Students will demonstrate the ability to apply professional skills and behaviours in leading others. Students will be required to display skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a collegial environment • Showing self -awareness and the ability to self-reflect • Inspiring and convincing others • Making informed decisions • Displaying initiative 	K4, S3, A2	AT2
FEDTASK 3 Critical Thinking and Creativity	Students will demonstrate an ability to work in complexity and ambiguity using the imagination to create new ideas. Students will be required to display skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflecting critically • Evaluating ideas, concepts and information • Considering alternative perspectives to refine ideas • Challenging conventional thinking to clarify concepts • Forming creative solutions in problem solving. 	K2, S2, A2	AT2
FEDTASK 4 Digital Literacy	Students will demonstrate the ability to work fluently across a range of tools, platforms and applications to achieve a range of tasks. Students will be required to display skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding, evaluating, managing, curating, organising and sharing digital information • Collating, managing, accessing and using digital data securely • Receiving and responding to messages in a range of digital media • Contributing actively to digital teams and working groups • Participating in and benefiting from digital learning opportunities. 	Not applicable	Not applicable

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		Learning Outcomes (KSA)	Assessment task (AT#)
FEDTASK 5 Sustainable and Ethical Mindset	Students will demonstrate the ability to consider and assess the consequences and impact of ideas and actions in enacting ethical and sustainable decisions. Students will be required to display skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making informed judgments that consider the impact of devising solutions in global economic environmental and societal contexts • Committing to social responsibility as a professional and a citizen • Evaluating ethical, socially responsible and/or sustainable challenges and generating and articulating responses • Embracing lifelong, life-wide and life-deep learning to be open to diverse others • Implementing required actions to foster sustainability in their professional and personal life. 	Not applicable	Not applicable

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1 K2 K3 K4 S1 S2 S3 A1 APST 1.1, 1.2, 1.6	Present on a selected learning difficulty, detailing identification, known causes, and identify targeted strategies to support learning for a student	Presentation	40-60%
K1 K2 K3 K4 S1 S2 A2 APST 1.1, 5.4, 7.2	Respond to a case study, providing in depth interventions to support learning	Case study analysis	40-60%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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