



# EDUC399

## Professional Capability: Policy, Theory, Pedagogy

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3

Prerequisites

Corequisites

6cp in EDUC units at 300 level

Co-badged status

Unit description

This capstone unit provides a synthesis of students' theoretical and professional understandings within the contemporary educational context. It draws together various studies from within the discipline of Education and integrates psychological, philosophical, historical and sociological viewpoints. It is framed around an exploration of people and their communities, contemporary perspectives and policies, and professional contexts and change.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate integrated knowledge and understanding of the key principles, theories and concepts used in the discipline of Education (tasks 1, 2, 3,)
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4. Reflect critically on their learning achievements and apply these to their educational vision, their transition to careers, and to their professional development plans (tasks 1, 2, 3)
5. Demonstrate personal competency, knowledge and confidence in their communicative skills in a variety of modes and forms including ICT (tasks 1, 2, 3).

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>TASK 1: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH</u>	30%	No	Mon 25th September 5.00pm
<u>TASK 2: TUTORIAL PRESENTATIONS</u>	30%	No	Thursday 26th October
<u>CREATIVE AND CRITICAL RESPONSE</u>	40%	No	Tuesday, 14th November

### TASK 1: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Due: **Mon 25th September 5.00pm**

Weighting: **30%**

“Teachers’ identities are central to their beliefs, values and practices that guide their actions within and outside the classroom” (Sutherland, Howard & Markauskaite, 2010, p. 455).

Discuss the concept of professional identity and its connection to being an educator in the twenty-first century.

For your discussion, reflect upon the EDUC399 lectures, readings and the workshops, and use independent research.

You must refer to at least 5 academic, scholarly references, which will provide your discussion with appropriate and current research-based evidence.

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## TASK 2: TUTORIAL PRESENTATIONS

Due: **Thursday 26th October**

Weighting: **30%**

In pairs, you will be providing an 8-10 minute engaging tutorial presentation based on a critical identification of the key discourse/ideology/idea about education within a current media text. Your presentation will be supported by maximum 3 powerpoint slides, and you are to include a title slide in addition with both names clearly shown on it in your individual submission of the slides through turnitin.

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## CREATIVE AND CRITICAL RESPONSE

Due: **Tuesday, 14th November**

Weighting: **40%**

*You have been invited to give the occasional address at the University's Graduation ceremony for Education. This is a celebration of all you have achieved and an opportunity for you to share your understanding of the field of Education.*

Prepare a 5–6 minute address to mark this significant graduation occasion.

Present your speech and create an audio file of this for online submission.

Include in your ONLINE submission a copy of the text of your speech. This will be considered as the 'framework' for your oral presentation.

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## Delivery and Resources

The unit is offered internally and externally. Internal students receive a 1-hour live lecture (weeks 3-7) and one workshop per week and the on campus sessions cover the tutorial material.

Students are expected to attend all tutorials or on campus sessions as they are workshop-based.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all lectures.

Lectures are digitally recorded and are available on the unit webpage but will only be posted after the lecture. Lecture slides will also be available through iLearn.

### ***On Campus Days***

There are two on-campus sessions for external students. You are expected to attend both sessions and rolls will be taken.

## **Unit Schedule**

There are 3 Modules for this unit:

### **1. People and Communities**

**Lectures:** Thursday 17 August to Thursday 14 September

**Tutorials:** Thursday 17 August to Thursday 14 September

### **2. Contemporary Perspectives and Policies**

Tutorials: Weeks 8 and 9

### **3. Professional Contexts and Change**

Tutorials: Weeks 10 to 13 inclusive

## **Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\\_honesty/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

Assessment Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy\\_2016.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html)

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint\\_management/procedure.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html)

Special Consideration Policy (in effect from Dec 4th, 2017): <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student\\_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

## **Results**

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they

are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#).

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcome

- 5. Demonstrate personal competency, knowledge and confidence in their communicative skills in a variety of modes and forms including ICT (tasks 1, 2, 3).

## Assessment tasks

- TASK 2: TUTORIAL PRESENTATIONS
- CREATIVE AND CRITICAL RESPONSE

## Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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## Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally



and socially.

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## **Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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## **Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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## Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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## Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess,

write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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## **Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens**

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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## **Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible**

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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