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Training in Organisations

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Department of Psychology

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to GradCertBusPsy or GradDipBusPsy

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit explores employee training and development in the contemporary workplace. It provides students with knowledge of a range of theories and practical perspectives relating to training within organisations. Students will gain a familiarity in training needs analysis, the development and implementation of training material, and training evaluation. Practical components of the unit focus on assessing the need for training, implementing training within an organisational context, and evaluating the outcomes of training.

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:

Understand the role and effectiveness of training for achieving different objectives

Understand the stages involved in constructing and delivering a training program, including training needs analysis and training evaluation

Critically reflect on and evaluate contemporary approaches to training and the challenges of training in organisations

Prepare and carry out a training needs analysis

Plan and design a training program to meet clear learning objectives

Present and defend the case for a training program or syllabus

Develop and present courseware

Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through written, oral and team-based activities

General Assessment Information

All assessments are to be submitted through iLearn. Instructions are available under 'Assignments' on the iLearn unit website.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Training Needs Assessment (TNA)	50%	No	TBA
Exemplar Training Package	50%	No	TBA
Multiple Choice Questions	0%	No	06/11/19

Training Needs Assessment (TNA)

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **50%**

This exercise has been designed to assess students' competence in preparing, conducting and interpreting a TNA, and communicating these outcomes in a written report. The task will require the development of a short survey or interview protocol, the administration of the survey/interview, and the interpretation of the results. Students will be expected to develop a report on the administration and outcomes of the TNA that proposes key learning requirements and a syllabus that meets the particular needs of the organisation.

An 'elements of assessment' document is provided on iLearn to assist in completing this assessment task.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand the role and effectiveness of training for achieving different objectives
- Understand the stages involved in constructing and delivering a training program, including training needs analysis and training evaluation
- Critically reflect on and evaluate contemporary approaches to training and the challenges of training in organisations
- Prepare and carry out a training needs analysis
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through written, oral and team-

based activities

Exemplar Training Package

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **50%**

This exercise has been designed to build on the outcomes of Assessment Task I. In this case, students will select a component of their training course and develop a training package that includes the following:

- A lesson plan that incorporates a list of topics, the format in which they will be delivered, and the process of assessment (for the training package);
- A training exemplar for one learning activity (approximately 10 minutes) that forms part of the training package. The exemplar should contain content materials (including any overheads, workbooks or handouts for the trainees) and a lesson plan incorporating learning objectives and an assessment strategy;

Note that this component requires the submission of actual training materials. Students will be assessed on the quality of the training materials provided. If, for example, the learning activity chosen is a role play on 'conflict resolution', students are expected to submit written notes on the role play scenario itself, instructions/scripts/background notes for the participants, and notes for the trainer on how it should be run (i.e. a lesson plan). The lesson plan should contain sufficient information for a trainer to be able to deliver the training (information on how long it should run for, what resources are required, tips on how to provide feedback to participants, etc).

An 'elements of assessment' document is provided on iLearn to assist in completing this assessment task.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand the role and effectiveness of training for achieving different objectives
- Plan and design a training program to meet clear learning objectives
- Present and defend the case for a training program or syllabus
- Develop and present courseware
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Multiple Choice Questions

Due: **06/11/19**

Weighting: **0%**

Completion of the multiple choice questions associated with each video recording is a terms requirement. While it does not carry any weight towards the final mark, the failure to complete the questions successfully may result in failure of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Critically reflect on and evaluate contemporary approaches to training and the challenges of training in organisations

Delivery and Resources

This unit consists of alternating face-to-face and on-line classes. Face-to-face classes will be held between 5.00pm and 7.00pm on Mondays. Where a class is delivered on-line, students will be expected to: (a) Review a 20 minute video clip, read the relevant chapter in the textbook, together with one or two additional papers, answer questions to a short, on-line quiz, and undertake any activities as directed for that week.

It is highly recommended that you obtain the following text:

Blanchard, P.N., & Thacker, J.W. (2013) (5th ed OR Intl ed.). *Effective training: Systems, strategies and practices*. Harlow, UK: Pearson.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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) 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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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/.

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

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Prepare and carry out a training needs analysis
- Present and defend the case for a training program or syllabus
- Develop and present courseware
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through written, oral and team-based activities

Assessment task

- Exemplar Training Package

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Understand the role and effectiveness of training for achieving different objectives
- Critically reflect on and evaluate contemporary approaches to training and the challenges of training in organisations
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- Present and defend the case for a training program or syllabus
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Assessment tasks

- Training Needs Assessment (TNA)
- Exemplar Training Package
- Multiple Choice Questions

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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- Understand the role and effectiveness of training for achieving different objectives
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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Understand the stages involved in constructing and delivering a training program, including training needs analysis and training evaluation
- Prepare and carry out a training needs analysis
- Plan and design a training program to meet clear learning objectives
- Develop and present courseware
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through written, oral and team-based activities

Assessment tasks

- Training Needs Assessment (TNA)
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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Understand the stages involved in constructing and delivering a training program, including training needs analysis and training evaluation
- Prepare and carry out a training needs analysis
- Plan and design a training program to meet clear learning objectives
- Present and defend the case for a training program or syllabus
- Develop and present courseware
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through written, oral and team-based activities

Assessment tasks

- Training Needs Assessment (TNA)
- Exemplar Training Package

PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Prepare and carry out a training needs analysis
- Present and defend the case for a training program or syllabus
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through written, oral and team-based activities

Assessment task

- Exemplar Training Package