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Disability Equity Education

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MSpecEd or GradDipSpecEd or MInc&SpecEd or GradDipInc&SpecEd or GradCertInc&SpecEd or GradCertLearnDiffSuppTeach or GradCertPosBehSuppTeach

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit focuses on learning about Disability Equity Education and applying theoretical learning to practice. A key focus will be on identifying barriers to education for many students, including a range of social, cultural, political, economic, and environmental barriers. There will be opportunities to critically examine and develop a range of strategies for addressing these barriers in order to ensure meaningful engagement with the curriculum for all students. Ableism and the social and affirmation models of disability will be explored. Topics will include consideration of neurodiversity, intersectionality, wellbeing, and the perspectives of people with lived experience of the oppression that constitutes disability. Principles of social justice and equity, which underpin inclusive practices, will be examined in relation to international agreements, national legislation, policy and procedures, as well as contemporary research and practice. The unit will also address effective collaboration with paraprofessionals to facilitate genuine participation and learning. The socio-cultural and historical context will also be considered in order to meaningfully engage with effective instruction.

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:

ULO1: Articulate understanding of ethical, legislative and policy responsibilities of teachers as related to educational provision for diverse learners.

ULO2: Identify and critically evaluate complex and conflicting theoretical perspectives and demonstrate understanding of social constructions of disability including the implications for education practice of the pervasive nature of ableism.

ULO3: Apply advanced understandings and critical analysis of key issues related to inclusive and special education in contemporary education contexts

ULO4: Identify and critically reflect on barriers to equity in education for students with disability

ULO5: Apply research-informed knowledge to addressing common misunderstandings regarding students and their learning abilities and opportunities

ULO6: Interpret research-informed knowledge of the effective approaches to collaboration in educational practice

General Assessment Information

Assessment Presentation and Submission Guidelines

Please follow these guidelines when you submit each assignment:

- Allow a left and right-hand margin of at least 2cm in all assignments.
- Please type all assignments using 12-point font and 1.5 spacing.
- All assessments must be submitted through Turnitin in .doc or .pdf format
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all assessments are successfully submitted through Turnitin.
- Faculty assignment cover sheets are NOT required.

Draft Submissions & Turnitin Originality Reports

- Students may use Turnitin's Originality Report as a learning tool to improve their academic writing if this option is made available in the unit.
- Students are strongly encouraged to upload a draft copy of each assessment to Turnitin at least one week prior to the due date to obtain an Originality Report.
- The Originality Report provides students with a similarity index that may indicate if plagiarism has occurred. Students will be able to make amendments to their drafts prior to their final submission on the due date.
- Generally, one Originality Report is generated every 24 hours up to the due date.

Please note:

- Students should regularly save a copy of all assignments before submission.
- Students are responsible for checking that the correct file has been uploaded, that their submission has been successful, and that it has been submitted by the due date and time.

Assignment extensions and late penalties

- In general, there should be no need for extensions except through illness or misadventure that would be categorised as serious and unavoidable disruption according to the University definition of same, see: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration>

Applications for extensions must be made via AskMQ according to the Special Consideration policy. Extensions can only be granted if they meet the Special

- Considerations policy and are submitted via <https://ask.mq.edu.au/>. This will ensure consistency in the consideration of such requests is maintained.
- Late submissions: Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply - 10/100 marks of credit (10% of the total assessment weighting) will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessment - e.g., quizzes, online tests. A zero result for the assignment will be recorded after the late submission period has ended if no task has been received.
- If a student is still permitted to submit on the basis of unavoidable disruption, an alternative topic may be set.
- Students should keep an electronic file of all assessments. Claims regarding "lost" assessments cannot be made if the file cannot be produced. It is also advisable to keep an electronic file of all drafts and the final submission on a USB untouched/unopened after submission. This can be used to demonstrate easily that the assessment has not been amended after the submission date.

Requesting a re-assessment of an assignment

If you have **evidence** that your task has been incorrectly assessed against the grade descriptors you can request a re-mark. To request a re-mark you need to contact the unit convenor within **7 days** of the date of return of the assignment and provide **a detailed assessment of your script**

against the task criteria. Evidence from your assignment must be provided to support your judgements.

Note:

- Please do not request a re-mark for a Failed assessment as they are all double-marked as a part of the moderation process.
- The outcome of a re-mark may be a **higher/lower or unchanged grade**.
- Grades are *standards referenced* and effort is NOT a criterion.

University policy on grading

Criteria for awarding grades for assessment tasks

Assignments will be awarded grades ranging from HD to F according to guidelines set out in the University's Grading Policy. The following descriptive criteria are included for your information.

Descriptive Criteria for awarding grades in the unit

In order to meet the unit outcomes and successfully pass this unit, students must make a genuine attempt at all assessment tasks. Where any submitted assessment task is considered to be unsatisfactory in this regard, the highest possible final grade that can be awarded for the unit will be 45.

Students will be awarded grades ranging from HD to F according to guidelines set out in the policy: <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/assessment-in-effect-from-session-2-2016>

The following generic grade descriptors provide university-wide standards for awarding final grades.

Grade	Descriptor
HD (High Distinction)	Provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem-solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application as appropriate to the discipline.
D (Distinction)	Provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the discipline and the audience.
Cr (Credit)	Provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; convincing argumentation with appropriate coherent justification; communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the discipline.

<p>P (Pass).</p>	<p>Provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the field of study; routine argumentation with acceptable justification; communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the discipline. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes</p>
<p>F (Fail)</p>	<p>Does not provide evidence of attainment of learning outcomes. ?There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; missing, undeveloped, inappropriate or confusing argumentation; incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the discipline.</p>

Note: *If you fail a unit with a professional experience component, the fail grade will be on your transcript irrespective of the timing of the placement.*

Withdrawing from this unit

If you are considering withdrawing from this unit, please seek academic advice via <https://ask.mq.edu.au> before doing so as this unit may be a co-requisite or prerequisite for units in the following sessions and may impact on your progression through the degree.

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.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Assignment	30%	No	Weekly
Assignment	30%	No	30/3/2022
Assignment	40%	No	25/5/2022

Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **30%**

Weekly critical reflection task.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Articulate understanding of ethical, legislative and policy responsibilities of teachers as related to educational provision for diverse learners.
- Identify and critically reflect on barriers to equity in education for students with disability
- Apply research-informed knowledge to addressing common misunderstandings regarding students and their learning abilities and opportunities
- Interpret research-informed knowledge of the effective approaches to collaboration in educational practice

Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **30/3/2022**

Weighting: **30%**

This task requires students to undertake a case study involving critical analysis of relevant materials through the application of a Disability Equity Education lens

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and critically evaluate complex and conflicting theoretical perspectives and demonstrate understanding of social constructions of disability including the implications for education practice of the pervasive nature of ableism.
- Identify and critically reflect on barriers to equity in education for students with disability
- Apply research-informed knowledge to addressing common misunderstandings regarding students and their learning abilities and opportunities

Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **25/5/2022**

Weighting: **40%**

Analyse, synthesise and apply research in developing strategies to address an issue of significance in bringing about Disability Equity Education within diverse classrooms.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply advanced understandings and critical analysis of key issues related to inclusive and special education in contemporary education contexts
- Identify and critically reflect on barriers to equity in education for students with disability
- Apply research-informed knowledge to addressing common misunderstandings regarding students and their learning abilities and opportunities
- Interpret research-informed knowledge of the effective approaches to collaboration in educational practice

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Required and recommended texts

The required text for this unit is *Undoing Ableism: Teaching Disability in the K-12 Classroom* by Priya Lalvani and Susan Baglieri (Routledge). There will be additional required and recommended readings as outlined weekly in the iLearn site.

Information about the unit iLearn site

This unit has a full web presence through iLearn.

Students will need regular access to a computer and the Internet to complete this unit.

Weekly access to iLearn is compulsory for all students. Important assessment information will be posted in iLearn, as will other relevant unit notices and materials. Various activities and materials for discussion and critical reflection are included and external students especially are encouraged to use this web component.

Electronic links and suggested references will be included in the Resources section. Please check the iLearn unit regularly.

Weekly lectures are available on the web through iLearn. You must listen to all lectures.

Supporting materials (e.g. PowerPoint slides or notes) will be made available in iLearn and/or are available in the Active Learning Tool.

Access and technical assistance

Information for students about access to the online component of this unit is available at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/index.php>. You will need to enter your student username and password.

Please do **NOT** contact the Unit Convenor regarding *iLearn* technical help.

No extensions will be given for any technical issues. Allow enough time for your submissions.

Assistance is available from IT Helpdesk ph: 1800 67 4357 or log a request at help.mq.edu.au. OneHelp is the online IT support service for both students and staff.

This unit requires students to use several ICT and software skills:

- **Internet access:** The iLearn site contains materials for this unit; it is also required for the online submission of all Assessment Tasks, and for the use of Turnitin submission for ALL tasks.
- **Word processing, visual representations, and document formatting:** You are required to use an appropriate form of software to present your assignments.
- **Uploading** of assessment tasks to **iLearn**.

Structure

The unit comprises lectures and online tasks. Students will discuss issues and questions arising from the lectures and prescribed readings. Students are expected to base their arguments/discussions on evidence from published research and other relevant material. There will be a supporting website for the unit providing additional readings, links and materials.

Students are required to participate in all aspects of the unit activities, including the readings, lectures and online tasks.

Unit Schedule

Please see the iLearn site for the Unit Schedule.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

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.

School of Education Procedures

In addition, the following policies and procedures of the School of Education are applicable in this unit.

Unit Expectations

- Students are expected to read weekly readings before completing online tasks
- Students are expected to listen to weekly lectures before completing online tasks

Note: It is not the responsibility of unit staff to contact students who have failed to submit assignments. If you have any missing items of assessment, it is your responsibility to make contact with the unit convenor.

Electronic Communication

It is the student's responsibility to check all electronic communication on a regular weekly basis. Communication may occur via:

- Official *MQ Student Email Address*
- The *Dialogue* function on iLearn

5R's Framework

The 5Rs Framework, developed by the School of Education at Macquarie University, is embedded throughout your teacher education course.

Your use of the 5Rs Framework will help you develop the capabilities that will make your teaching career sustainable and fulfilling.

In this unit, you will learn using the 5Rs framework in the following important ways:

Resilient

There will be opportunities to critically examine and develop a range of strategies for addressing a range of social, cultural, political, economic, and environmental barriers to ensure meaningful engagement with the curriculum for all students.

Reflexive

Students engage critically with theory and research through a socio-cultural and historical context in order to meaningfully engage with effective instruction.

Responsive

During online discussions and weekly critical reflection tasks, students are expected to address key aspects of their learning and draw out implications for their practice.

Ready to learn

Students are encouraged to challenge ableism and barriers to education, and develop deeper understandings of contemporary research.

Research engaged

Contemporary research and practice will be examined in relation to principles of social justice and equity in international agreements, national legislation, policies and procedures. In assignment two, students critically analyse a public document addressing disability and develop a response demonstrating engagement with and application of a Disability Equity Education lens.