



COURSE OUTLINE

WPL320 Workplace Learning II

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ON CAMPUS

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

In this course you will apply and extend the skills and knowledge you developed through class-based learning in a work placement, industry-based project, or extended workplace simulation related to your discipline and career aspirations. Over 192 hours of structured and supervised activities you will proactively prepare for and undertake a range of discipline related duties in a work setting, develop new professional competencies and relationships, and record and reflect on your experience to enhance your employability and prepare you for professional practice

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ON CAMPUS LOCATIONS			
Placement	192hrs	Not applicable	Not Yet Determined

1.3. Course Topics

Reflective practice
Scope of the field of study
Applications and engagement in their field
Career pathways in field of study
Professional practice
Professional communication

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

24 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Identify, construct and apply personal and professional discipline specific competencies appropriate to your workplace setting.	Creative and critical thinker Engaged
2 Critically reflect on the application and acquisition of your related discipline specific knowledge and skills in the workplace environment.	Creative and critical thinker Empowered

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

This course can only be undertaken in the final year of your degree and requires course coordinator permission. It is assumed that you would have considered or identified an area of interest in which to undertake your placement that will advance your body of knowledge and skills.

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Limited Grading (PNP)

Pass (PU), Fail (UF). All assessment tasks are required to be passed for successful completion of the course.

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Assessment items 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d may be emailed to the Course Coordinator at any time for feedback prior to submission as advised in the pre- placement meeting.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1a	Plan	Individual	1000 words	Week 2	Online Assignment Submission
All	1b	Journal	Individual	One entry, 700 -1000 words	Week 3	Online Assignment Submission
All	1c	Journal	Individual	You are required to maintain a reflective journal 700 to 1000 words per entry.	Refer to Format	Online Assignment Submission
All	1d	Portfolio	Individual	Up to 4000 words.	Refer to Format	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Report	Individual	The host supervisor will provide a report on your placement performance.	Refer to Format	To Supervisor
All	3	Activity Participation	Individual	Completed Hours log	Refer to Format	Online Assignment Submission

All - Assessment Task 1a: Learning and development plan

GOAL:	To gain an overview of the host organisation, describe the tasks and related competencies that will be required in the chosen workplace setting and develop a set of learning objectives.										
PRODUCT:	Plan										
FORMAT:	Completion of the Learning and development plan (template provided) which will include an overview of the workplace setting and key learning objectives.										
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All - Assessment Task 1b: Placement journal - early entry

GOAL:	To apply critical reflective practice to further develop personal and professional learnings in the workplace context.
PRODUCT:	Journal
FORMAT:	Word document (template provided) or handwritten

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Critical reflection on experiences in relation to the key learning objectives 2
	2	Application of theory and knowledge in the workplace context 1
	3	Acquisition of knowledge and skills in the workplace context 1
	4	Use of individual critical thinking and judgement to solve problems 1 2

All - Assessment Task 1c: Placement journal

GOAL:	To apply critical reflective practice to further develop personal and professional learnings in the workplace context	
PRODUCT:	Journal	
FORMAT:	Submit: 5pm Friday of week 13 of semester or week 8 of the session. Word document (template provided) or handwritten.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Critical reflection on experiences in relation to the key learning objectives 2
	2	Application of theory and knowledge in the workplace context 1
	3	Acquisition of knowledge and skills in the workplace context 2
	4	Use of individual critical thinking and judgement to solve problems 1 2

All - Assessment Task 1d: Workplace Portfolio (Optional to replace Tasks 1b & 1c)

GOAL:	Students can complete this instead of Task 1b and 1c - To highlight and showcase the work that you have done during your placement. This allows students to show future employers the type of work they are able to do.	
PRODUCT:	Portfolio	
FORMAT:	To be submitted as a PDF at the end of placement. Can include any of the work that was completed during the placement. This may be a report, GIS maps, data analysis, etc.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	To be signed off by the host supervisor in order to be deemed a Pass. 1 2

All - Assessment Task 2: Supervisor report

GOAL:	To reflect on constructive feedback from host organisation supervisor	
PRODUCT:	Report	
FORMAT:	Submit: 5pm Friday of week 13 of semester or week 8 of the session. WPL FoSHEE provide your supervisor with a report template; you are also provided with a template on Blackboard. The completed supervisor report will be made available on Blackboard.	

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed	
	1	Demonstration of concepts and theoretical knowledge	1
	2	Application of concepts and theoretical knowledge to practice	1
	3	Acts professionally and responsibly	1
	4	Communicates professionally	1
	5	Co-operates, interacts and collaborates well with other staff	1
	6	Seeks feedback for self-improvement	1
	7	Takes initiative to seek out new learning experiences	1
	8	Seeks out answers to questions	1
	9	Manages time and tasks effectively	1

All - Assessment Task 3: Submission of Hours Log and Student Placement Code of Conduct

GOAL:	This task enables you to become familiar with and demonstrate the requisite professional behaviours captured in the Code of Conduct for your discipline and work environment		
PRODUCT:	Activity Participation		
FORMAT:	Submit: 5pm Friday of week 13 of semester or week 8 of the session. Hours log (template provided), signed by the placement supervisor		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	To be eligible to pass, you are required to complete this placement satisfactorily per the criteria below.	1 2
	2	Behaviour that is in accordance with the discipline code of conduct	1 2
	3	Completion of minimum 192 hours of work placement	1 2
	4	A minimum of 25% of the total placement hours must be completed by census date	1 2

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Each placement has inherent requirements that may be specified by the host organisation and/or USC to enable you to undertake placement. Please check with your host supervisor or course coordinator prior to placement commencement. Requirements may include but are not restricted to: construction card, PPE, criminal history check, Hepatitis B vaccination, CPR, current first aid certificate and Blue Card.

Working with children check:-

If you are required by your host organisation to have a current Blue Card please apply for a Blue Card with the Queensland Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian via TechOpsWil@usc.edu.au. Receipt of a Blue card indicates that you have passed a working with children check in the state of Queensland, and are eligible to be allocated to placements that involve working with children. You are encouraged to apply for Blue Cards early in the semester preceding the placement so that you are in receipt of your Blue Card prior to the placement

Evidence of immunisation:-

If you are required to be immunised for your placement you will need to provide evidence of immunisation (or conscientious objection to vaccination) to Hepatitis B or other required vaccinations. Students holding current evidence of immunisation do not need to be vaccinated again. If you need additional vaccinations, you are encouraged to commence inoculation processes as early as possible to allow sufficient time to complete all vaccinations in a course. For example, the entire Hepatitis B schedule takes 3 months to complete.

Because some placements will request additional vaccinations, students are recommended to provide evidence of immunisation status for vaccinations in the current Australian immunisation schedule. Students seeking placements in health care settings (now or future) are recommended to comply with the organisation's vaccination schedule. Queensland Health reserves the right to refuse entry to placement sites to students with incomplete immunisation status or records.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all field activities and low to moderate levels of health and safety risk exists. Moderate risks may include working in an Australian bush setting, working with people, working outside normal office hours for example. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Limited Graded Course:

This course will be graded as Pass in a Limited Grade Course (PU) or Fail in a Limited Grade Course (UF) as per clause 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA) - Institutional Operating Policy of the USC.

In a course eligible to use Limited Grades, all assessment items in that course are marked on a Pass/Fail basis and all assessment tasks are required to be passed for a student to successfully complete the course. Supplementary assessment is not available in courses using Limited Grades.

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

You must contact your Course Coordinator and provide the required documentation if you require an extension or alternate assessment.

10.4. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.6. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, , injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.7. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.8. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **USC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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