

Summer School January 2021

Professional Learning Short Courses for Teachers



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Strategies for strengthening inclusive high school classrooms for students with disabilities

Presented by Dr Janene Sproul

This 5 day intensive course has been designed for high-school teachers (specialist teachers) who are required to create inclusive classrooms, effectively support students with disabilities and provide data to support funding applications for students under the NCCD framework.

Course focus:

- Overview of current legislature for Education of students with Disabilities
- Investigation of practical, current evidence-based practices for high school specialist classrooms from English to Phys Ed to Science
- Movement from generalised practices for high incidence disabilities (such as Autism and Depression) to targeted, individualised pedagogies where necessary
- Making the most of working with EAs
- Development of rigorous research practice to evaluate proposals of accommodations for the participants own classroom
- Analysis of IEPs to determine feasibility within specialist classrooms
- Development of differentiated term programs and some activities to provide evidence for NCCD
- Completion of NCCD student summary and evidence maintenance documents with construction of annual plan.

Course outcomes:

- 30 hours of face-to-face interaction
- 15 micro-credentialed points*
- Allocation of student number and access to Murdoch Learning Management System: Once your registration has been confirmed, you will need to go through a short process to be allocated a student number and granted access to Murdoch's Learning Management System (LMS), which will hold the course's online readings
- Up to 6 weeks access to the Murdoch University Library databases of all education and medical journals and articles.

Participants requirements:

- Laptop/iPad
- Internet access at home
- Any participants with inclusive requirements should contact Dr Sproul before commencement of the course to ensure access to all learning activities is enabled.

Additional details:

Date: 11-15 January 2021 (5 day short course)
Location: Murdoch University South Street Campus
Cost: \$660 plus GST
Parking: \$5/day if required

PLEASE NOTE: * micro-credentialed points can contribute towards post graduate degrees such as Master of Education (Coursework).

Montessori Education Unit Two: Montessori Environments Today

Presented by the Montessori Institute

This short course is designed for teachers and pre-service teachers considering working in Montessori environments in Australia. The short course explores the importance of the environment and the role of the adult in being the link to that environment.

This is one of three Montessori studies short courses to be offered at Murdoch University that assist teachers and students understand what is distinctive about the Montessori approach and what it would be like to work in Montessori environments. Satisfactory completion of all three courses (Introduction to Montessori, Montessori Environments Today and Montessori Curriculum) results in the awarding of the certificate in an Introduction to Montessori Studies. The courses will also be granted credit towards the Diploma of Early Childhood and Primary Education (Montessori). Courses can be attended or professional development only, in which case assessment is not compulsory. Please note that you do not require the completion of Unit 1: Introduction to Montessori Education to register for Unit 2.

Course outcomes:

- On successful completion of the short course you should have:
- An understanding of what constitutes a Montessori environment
- Applied a critically reflective attitude to what constitutes appropriate expectations and roles for adults in a Montessori environment
- Gained an understanding of how to put the approach into practice, including engagement, presentations and lessons
- Reflected on and articulated personal understandings of the content presented and how it relates education more broadly.

Timetabled Learning Activities:

Lecture/workshops: 4 x 6 hour daily over one week 18-22 January 2021 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

Additional details:

Date: 18-22 January 2021 (4 day short course)
Location: Murdoch University South Street Campus
Cost: \$690 (including GST)
Parking: \$5/day if required



Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities

The focus of this short course/professional development is on children with high-incidence disabilities.

Course outcomes:

This three day course will present an overview of the nature and characteristics of children with mild disabilities, including children with:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Mild intellectual disabilities
- Learning disabilities
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD)
- Emotional or behavioural disorders

The course will also provide educators with knowledge of key issues, evidence-based practices and teaching strategies addressing the needs of children with high incidence disabilities in education settings.

Additional details:

Date: Date to be confirmed

Location: Murdoch University, South Street Campus

Cost: \$660 (including GST)

Parking: \$5/day if required

PLEASE NOTE: Undergraduate students will also be attending this course, as it forms part of the unit EDN330 Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities, offered as part of the Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Educator Wellness - Tools to Relax, Refill, Reset

Presented by Yogazeit

We all know that we can only give fully to others if we look after our own Wellbeing. After a crazy 2020, we'd like to support your new school year with evidence-based Wellbeing tools to help make your school year start into 2021 as best as possible!

The first half of this workshop will focus on practical Wellbeing tools to empower Educator Wellness from the inside out.

Learn why self-care is so important and discover 10 TOOLS to support your Wellness during a busy school day to take a moment to reset, refill and relax.

The second half of this workshop includes a gentle all abilities Yoga and Mindfulness class suitable for absolute beginners plus a 45min SoundBath - a mindful journey to explore your senses restoring your nervous system through the active sound vibrations of singing bowls and other instruments.

At YOGAZEIT we believe school leaders, teachers and other school professionals need to nurture themselves. Embodied wellbeing practices can provide an amazing opportunity leading to personal transformation, providing the foundation for systemic transformation. Taking time for Yoga and Mindfulness, embracing the concept of self-care and personal mindfulness, teachers will not only improve their own wellbeing, but also support their classrooms and the larger community.

Additional details:

Date: 18 January 2021 2:00pm–5:00pm

Location: Murdoch University South Street Campus

Cost: \$80.21 (including fees)

Parking: \$5/day if required

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/educator-wellness-tools-to-relax-refill-reset-tickets-125336363437>

Yoga Ed. Tools for Teachers Primary School and ECE

Presented by Yogazeit

This course will empower you with the tools and confidence to teach chair yoga and mindfulness breaks in your Early Years and Primary School classroom.

In this evidence-based Professional Development Workshop, you will learn mindful practices about yoga education, and chair yoga tools to improve your and your students' physical, mental, emotional, and social wellness.

Together, we will explore how to safely and effectively adapt yoga poses to the chair and how to use the chair as a prop to stretch and strengthen the body.

You will gain the confidence to identify challenging times during your school day and mindful practices to shift your classroom into a more positive state of mind through ample opportunities to embody and practice teach breathing, chair yoga postures, brain breaks, and relaxation exercises throughout the course.

Upon completion of our course, you will be fully equipped with the knowledge and skills to help students:

- Improve focus
- Reduce stress
- Regulate behaviour through chair yoga and mindfulness practices
- Perfect for beginners. NO prior yoga experience or extra equipment required.
- Light Morning tea/lunch included
- Includes eCurriculum and 12 ready-to-use lesson plans

Additional details:

Date: 20 January 2021 8:30am-2:30pm

Location: Murdoch University South Street Campus

Cost: \$150

Parking: \$5/day if required

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/yoga-ed-tools-for-teachers-primary-school-and-ece-tickets-125332355449>

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