CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO UNIVERSITY TEACHING COURSE

Module 10 - Quality assurance

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This module is based on the need for continually reflecting on the impact of your teaching, or your professional role, through quality enhancement and alignment with internal and external frameworks that support the quality of learning and teaching. Our module is aimed at early career academics as well as those academics who want a quality refresher.

You'll gain an understanding of the overarching learning and teaching frameworks that assure the quality of Australia's higher education providers. We start by examining the overarching regulatory body TEQSA (Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency), whose role is to safeguard the interests of students as well as to accredit our programs and units. From January 2017, a new regulatory framework applies to all registered providers of higher education in Australia. The framework is known as the Higher education Standards Framework and it describes a range of specifically developed threshold standards that all institutions must meet.

Our responsibility as educators is to understand these requirements, ensuring compliance. A second important framework governing our institutions is the AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework). This framework is the national policy for determining Australian qualifications in education.

Another important consideration is collecting and examining different datasets to inform the assurance of those standards. These include internal unit and teaching evaluations and external data including Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).

We hope that you get something out of this module.



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