

Welcome

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I'd like to warmly welcome you to this course - *Contemporary Approaches to University Teaching*.

My name is Kym Fraser and I led a team of experts from across 20 Australian universities to develop this course. Many more colleagues contributed through the rigorous review process that we used.

In the course we discuss introductory teaching and learning concepts and strategies for colleagues who are new to teaching or have only been teaching for a couple of years. Teaching in those first few years can be daunting, challenging, enjoyable, mostly exhausting in my experience. Nothing about teaching for the first time is automatic. You have to think about everything. Most of us have to learn how to teach at the tertiary level and in this day and age we really can't rely on teaching as we were taught. So much has changed since then.

Each module is designed to take about two hours of your time and we've organised the course so that you can take one a week across the semester, starting in Orientation Week. It's entirely up to you though. While I recommend doing all of the modules because I believe that they are so useful, you can pick and choose the modules to suit your needs. You'll see under 'Pathways' in 'Course Information' that we suggest a couple of different pathways that different people might take, depending on their need and experience.

I hope that you find the course informative, that it makes you think, and that it supports you in the development of your teaching practice. Thank you very much for enrolling in *Contemporary Approaches to University Teaching*. I look forward to talking with you in the discussion boards.



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