

EDUC90278 The Psychology of Exceptional Learning

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Parkville - Taught on campus. Parkville Campus
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 18 hours Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	Attendance at all classes (tutorial/seminars/practical classes/lectures/labs) is obligatory. Failure to attend 80% of classes will normally result in failure in the subject.
Coordinator:	Dr John Munro
Contact:	Education Student Centre
Subject Overview:	This subject examines concepts, theories and issues in educational and developmental psychology necessary to understand and diagnose academic learning disabilities that will lead to effective curriculum development. It will examine the individual differences in cognitive structures such as the representation of knowledge by learners, short-term and long-term memory, cognitive and metacognitive processes, and the affective processes associated with understanding learning, such as self-efficacy and motivation to learn.
Objectives:	On completion of this subject, students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the developmental processes that underpin a student's abilities to successfully engage in literacy and numeracy learning # Describe the role of long- and short- term memory, meta-cognitive processes and affective processes in learning # Investigate how curriculum can be developed to assist students to develop and cope with their particular learning difficulty.
Assessment:	An essay of approx 4,000 words that provides a critical examination of a major concept or issue in the psychology of exceptional learning and its implications for improving instruction/education/pedagogy. (100 per cent)
Prescribed Texts:	McInerney D.M. & V. McInerney. (1998) Educational Psychology: Constructing Learning. Sydney: Prentice Hall Kaufman, A.S. & Kaufman, N.L. (2000). Specific learning disabilities and difficulties in children and adolescents. Cambridge University Press. Slavin, R.E. (1997). Educational Psychology: Theory and practice. Needham heights, MA: Allyn & Bacon
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Links to further information:	www.education.unimelb.edu.au
Related Course(s):	Master of Education (Specific Learning Difficulties) Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Generalist) Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies(Specific Learning Diff.) Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Generalist)