

Ako Aotearoa Professional Learning and Development 2019

Supporting world-class tertiary teaching practice

Building educational capability

Taking that next step in your professional learning and development is easy with Ako Aotearoa. Everything we do is evidence-based. Everything you'll learn is practical, high-quality, effective and sustainable. We offer three main ways to learn and develop with us.

1. In-house Learning & Development

We can come to you to deliver in-house professional development. Contact us to discuss your needs and budget.

2. Public Workshops

Come to one of our half-day or full-day public workshops taking place throughout the year in different parts of the country. See page 2 for the 2019 programme.

3. Online learning courses

Our online courses use a combination of synchronous and asynchronous, facilitated learning. See pages 3 and 4 for details and check our website for new courses being introduced in 2019.

Go to: www.ako.ac.nz/professional-learning



Public Workshop dates 2019

Kia eke ki te taumata –

Success for Māori in tertiary education

Auckland: February 1, April 10, September 18

Christchurch: February 21, September 26

Dunedin: February 20, September 25

Hamilton: February 14

Napier: July 31

New Plymouth: March 6

Palmerston North: February 27, August 21

Rotorua: July 26, October 3

Tauranga: May 9

Wellington: February 13, July 3

Whangarei: March 13

Achieving student success –

unpacking a Pasifika resource kit

Auckland: February 12, August 7

Christchurch: February 11

Dunedin: March 4

Hamilton: June 13

Napier: April 4

Nelson: June 25

New Plymouth: June 20

Palmerston North: March 14

Tauranga: March 27

Wellington: February 21, September 26

Effective assessment that supports learning

Auckland: March 8

Christchurch: March 20

Dunedin: April 3

Hamilton: May 2

Napier: May 8

New Plymouth: July 24

Palmerston North: March 27

Rotorua: June 26

Wellington: March 26

Whangarei: August 22

Clarifying boundaries in teacher-student relationships for safe practice

Auckland: April 30

Christchurch: April 11

Dunedin: April 10

Nelson: May 8

Palmerston North: May 22

Rotorua: May 31

Wellington: May 23

Online Course Dates

Growing numeracy: Building confidence with numbers

Course 1: February 11

Course 2: March 12

Course 3: May 1

Course 4: June 17

Effective assessment online: Assessment Design

Course 1: 1 April

Course 2: 23 April

ePosts online

Course 1: February 18



Professional Learning and Development Workshops



FULL DAY



HALF DAY



ONLINE COURSE

Teaching practice/strategies

Developing practices for new tertiary teachers



Learn how to facilitate learning, introduce co-operative and inquiry-based learning and explore new practices relevant to your subject and context to create interesting and engaging teaching delivery.

Linking theory and practice for effective student-centred teaching



Learn to link teaching and learning theory to practice: consider the key theories and current understandings about adult learning and then apply these to create interesting and engaging teaching delivery.

The process of collecting evidence of learner benefit



Get practical information on the importance of evidence-based education and how to integrate evidence collection into day-to-day practice. Clarify the practices that work best for learners and learn how to use professional, reflective practice.

Co-operative learning – a teacher's guide to working with groups

Discover the essential elements of effective group work through practical exercises. Consider assessment design, assessment methods and effective monitoring of groups to promote participation, accountability and fair outcomes for students.

Problem-based learning: Creating student-led activities for work-ready outcomes



Learn about problem-based learning: an approach designed to help students develop effective problem solving skills, self-directed learning, effective collaboration skills and intrinsic motivation.

Thoughtful teaching: Using reflective practice tools for enhancing teaching, learning and professional development



Examine the purpose, benefits, methods and skills of reflective practice. Explore key concepts and models of reflective practice and how to use or adapt them to another context. Experience reflective practice first-hand.

Curriculum design for learning and teaching



Consider the wide range of interrelated aspects of designing curricula that effectively enhance student learning. Take part in learning and teaching activities; tools and resource development and assessment criteria and tasks.

Supporting adults with dyslexia in tertiary education and training: an introduction



Get hands on exposure to the latest dyslexia screening tools; examine the additional challenges that learners face beyond phonological decoding and find out the latest thinking on Positive Dyslexia and some of the new technological aids.

Improving outcomes for under 25-year-old learners



Examine how to improve learning and teaching experiences for under-25 learners. Explore an evidence-based model for professional development decision-making and an exciting new range of related resources.

What are we going to learn? Writing SMART learning outcomes



Use Blooms Taxonomy to develop SMART learning outcomes for your own teaching context; develop and build on learner-centred teaching practices with outcomes that align with NZQA Level Descriptors.

Who's got the map? Planning student-centred learning sessions



Work with other participants to plan a student-centred teaching and learning session that aims to meet a set of SMART learning outcomes.

Student engagement

Engage, enhance, enliven: practical tips and techniques to enhance learner engagement



Participate in lively, practical exercises to learn skills that better engage learners. Explore ways to maintain presence in the learning environment and use interactive games, simulation activities and other dynamic techniques.

Engaging challenging learners



Learn to engage challenging learners or assist new staff to manage challenging behaviours. Explore who is responsible for managing learning behaviours, how the responsibility is shifted and how to actively engage all students in learning.

Engaging learners in a blended learning environment



Explore effective teaching strategies for positive face-to-face and online modes of learning. Learn to create experiences that enhance the quality of the learning environment. Examine a blended learning framework that enhances learner engagement and achievement.

Using student evaluations to enhance teaching practice: Closing the loop



Learn to enhance teaching practice from student feedback. Discuss perceptions and examine and evaluate institutional processes and support systems. Take away strategies relevant to institutions, departments, teachers and students.

Supporting Māori learners

Kia eke ki te taumata - Success for Māori in tertiary education

For all educators (Māori and non-Māori) who work with Māori learners. Examine enhancing success rates, teaching with Te Tiriti o Waitangi in mind, understanding Māori learners and implementing kaupapa Māori.

Hei Toko: Enabling Māori Learner Success

Learn how to design and evaluate teaching strategies and practice that lead to enhanced outcomes for Māori learners. Be guided through a process of discussion, reflection and translation and design an evidence-based summary of good tertiary education practice.

Supporting Pacific learners

Educational practices that benefit Pacific learners

Learn how to support success for Pacific learners by changing the strategies used within whole organisations. Explore Pacific learner experiences and contexts in New Zealand tertiary education.

Achieving student success - Unpacking a Pasifika resource kit

Gain greater understanding of Pacific perspectives and explore a newly developed tool for a range of strategies and resources to assist you with more meaningful engagement with your Pasifika learners.

Online learning

Effective web-based Open Education practices

Discuss the benefits and barriers for teachers, learners and managers when open education resources and practices are used. Explore and critique pedagogical and technological solutions for use in open education approaches.

ePosts online: Enhancing tertiary learning and teaching through technology

Explore and assess technology solutions, along with resources to facilitate technology enhanced learning, to enhance learning engagement and add value to the teaching and learning experience across different contexts.

Vocational education

Enhancing teaching and learning in vocational education

Explore recent Ako Aotearoa-funded vocational education projects that resulted in changes in practice, leading to increased benefits for learners. Take part in group discussions on the frameworks and findings presented and how these may be applicable to a teaching context.

Literacy and Numeracy

Working around the words: Literacy development in the Trades and Vocational Education

Explore a range of teaching and learning strategies and resources along with a professional development model to build staff capability in embedding language and develop literacy within trades-based and vocational organisations.

Growing numeracy: Building confidence with numbers

Discover skills and resources to improve numeracy instruction and help learners increase their confidence and competency with numbers. This workshop is tailored to tutors delivering foundation courses and tutors who cover numeracy skills as part of vocational courses.

Assessment

Effective assessment that supports learning

Develop assessment design skills, use NZQA's Qualities of Assessment to critically analyse case studies and to assess learning outcomes. Learn how to ensure students undertake valid, reliable, flexible and fair assessments.

Effective assessment online: Assessment Design

Focussing on your subject you will investigate three critical questions: What does a good assessment look like? Am I assessing what I need my students to learn? Are my students supported to achieve the learning outcomes?

Student self-assessment: An assessment method for enhanced learning

Explore the research and practical applications for introducing self-assessment in tertiary programmes, including introducing student-led criteria development.

Mentoring

Mentoring in education: Principles, practices and skills

Learn how mentoring in tertiary education produces benefits for teachers and learners. Explore a range of resources. Become familiar with components of a mentoring model. Learn more about the preparation necessary to ensure mentors and mentees are prepared and able to get the full benefits from a mentoring relationship.

Mentoring learners in work placements

Explore a range of strategies that organisations and teachers can use to support their learners on professional placements. Look at techniques that focus on developing effective mentoring relationships between learners and supervisors.

Professional practice

Clarifying boundaries in teacher-student relationships for safe practice

Examine the invisible boundaries between what's personal and what's professional in student and workplace relationships. Consider real-world dilemmas and develop strategies to recognise occurrences and respond professionally.



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