Overview of the Australian University Teaching Criteria and Standards Framework

Teaching and learning quality should be evidence based. The following teaching criteria and evidence matrix gives examples of performance and achievements under seven criteria or dimensions related to different aspects of teaching. All academic staff can use the matrix for career planning, in preparation for performance development reviews, and in preparation for applying for promotion. The criteria are best presented in a teaching portfolio that documents achievement.

In building a teaching portfolio, academic staff should describe their work in relation to **each** of the **seven** teaching criteria and provide evidence in support of their claims. The term teaching is used to encompass the full range of teaching contexts i.e. undergraduate, postgraduate, research supervision, clinical, laboratory, workshop, studio, field and work-based teaching. The descriptions and indicative evidence outlined in the framework are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive. It must be emphasised that it is not expected that each and every item listed under each criteria must appear in the portfolio. Furthermore, other examples that are not listed, can be used to demonstrate performance and achievement.

The descriptors in bold in the matrix for Lecturer (B) level should be interpreted as the **minimum standard** for each and every criterion, and it is expected that every staff member at or beyond this level will consistently demonstrate that they meet the minimum standard as a baseline. Descriptors in bold in particular, but all other descriptors in general above the Lecturer (B) level, should be considered as signals that can be used as evidence of meeting the expected teaching quality for a current level of appointment, or to build a case for promotion. In building a case for promotion, it is not necessary for an academic to be strong in every one of the seven criteria, instead the applicant should highlight the criteria and contributions in which they have particular strengths.

The seven Teaching criteria are:

- 1. Design and planning of learning activities
- 2. Teaching and supporting student learning
- 3. Assessment and giving feedback to students on their learning
- 4. Developing effective learning environments, student support and guidance
- 5. Integration of scholarship, research and professional activities with teaching and in support of student learning
- 6. Evaluation of practice and continuing professional development
- 7. Professional and personal effectiveness

The standards and evidence matrix for each criterion can be found in the following pages.

	Criterion 1:	Design and planning of learn	ing activities		
Planning, development and preparation of learning activities, learning resources and materials, for a unit, course or degree program; including coordination,					
involvement or leadership in cu	urriculum design and developme	ent.			
Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)	
 Planned learning activities 	■ Deep knowledge of the	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for	
designed to develop the	discipline area	Level B and	Level C and	Level D and	
students' learning	Well planned learning				
Sound knowledge of the	activities designed to	Deep knowledge of the	Leadership in effective	Leadership role and	
unit content and material	develop the students	discipline area	curriculum development	impact in curriculum	
Unit outline that clearly	learning	Innovation in the design	at a program level	design and review,	
details learning outcomes,	Scholarly/informed	of teaching, including	Contribution to the	planning and/or	
teaching and learning	approach to learning	use of learning	teaching or curriculum	development at a (inter)	
activities and assessment	design	technologies	and/or discipline at a	national level	
Preparation of unit	Thorough knowledge of	Effective preparation	national level	Significant curriculum or	
materials	the unit material and its	and management of	External expert peer	disciplinary contribution	
Peer review of unit	contribution in the course	tutors and teaching	review of unit/course	through published student	
materials by unit/course	Effective and appropriate	teams	materials	learning	
coordinator	use of learning	Leadership in curriculum	/curriculum/initiative	materials/textbooks	
For relevant items in the	technologies	development and design.	■ curriculum	Leadership in mentoring	
student survey, average or	 Effective unit/ course 	■ Development of	 Adoption of learning 	and supporting colleagues	
above average scores for	coordination	significant curriculum	materials by other	in planning and designing	
all units taught e.g.	 Effective preparation of 	materials	universities	learning activities and	
 Appropriate teaching techniques are used by 	tutors and management	■ Benchmarking of a unit	■ Nomination for a teaching	curriculum	
the teacher to enhance	of teaching teams	or course against similar	award for curriculum		
my learning.	■ Peer review of unit	units/courses	contribution		
• The teacher is well	materials by course coordinator				
prepared.	• For relevant items in the				
 The teacher effectively 					
used learning technologies	student survey, average or above average scores				
to support my learning	for two consecutive years				
	and in all units taught				
Indicative Evidence					
 Unit/course outline ar 	nd materials				
only course outline at	ia materiais				

- Report from unit and/or course coordinator
- Student surveys and feedback to students on response/outcomes
- Student feedback from focus groups
- Student feedback derived from external independent evaluation
- Tutor feedback on preparation, organisation or mentoring support
- Feedback from teaching teams
- Expert peer review on course/program materials and innovation
- External peer recognition and/or review on impact of curriculum, discipline or innovation
- Details of leadership roles and specific contribution
- Details of mentoring and support of colleagues
- Feedback from staff mentored
- Letter from Chair of curriculum committee on contribution
- Awards and citations for learning materials
- Text book awards

Criterion 2: Teaching and supporting student learning

Quality teaching, including; lecturing, classroom, on-line, field, work-based, studio, laboratory, workshop, undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and supervision of student research.

supervision of student researc	h.			
Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
 Student centred approach to teaching Demonstrates an understanding of specific 	 Student centred approach to teaching A range of teaching is undertaken (i.e. different 	Meets the requirements for Level B and Teaching techniques are	Meets the requirements for Level C and • Peer recognition of quality	Meets the requirements for Level D and Evidence of successful,
aspects of effective teaching and learning support methods Peer review of classroom teaching by colleague	levels/mode) Effective collaborative teaching approaches Regular peer review of various dimensions of	successful in enhancing student learning • Effective supervision of postgraduate students to completion	teaching e.g. invitations to teach at other universities or awarded a faculty and/or university teaching award. Evidence of systematic and	strategic leadership and innovation in enhancing quality teaching practices and supporting student learning at the university,
 For relevant items in student survey, average or above average scores in all units taught e.g. The teacher explains important concepts/ideas in ways that I can understand. The teacher stimulates my interest in the subject. I am encouraged to participate in classroom and/or online activities. The teacher is helpful if I encounter difficulties with 	teaching by a colleague Evidence of innovation/ creativity in teaching Quality of student learning is monitored A scholarly approach to teaching Effective supervision of honours/postgraduate students to completion For relevant items in student survey, average or above average scores for two consecutive years	 Quality of student learning is systematically monitored Innovation and creativity in teaching Peer recognition of quality of teaching e.g. invitations to teach in other units/ courses/universities or nomination for a teaching award For relevant items in the student survey, average or above average scores for 	integrated development of teaching practices informed by scholarship/research Leadership and innovation in teaching practices and supporting students is recognised at a university, disciplinary or national level Leadership in supporting colleagues' in their teaching through peer support and review	disciplinary, or (inter)national level Leadership in academic practice in the university, discipline or (inter)nationally Establishes effective organisational policies/strategies that promote and support others to deliver high quality teaching and support student learning (e.g. through mentoring/
the lecture/unit.	and in all units taught	three consecutive years and in all units taught		coaching)

Indicative Evidence

- Student surveys and feedback to students on response/outcomes
- Student feedback from focus groups
- Examples of student work/ theses
- Postgraduate student grades and time to completion
- Systematic monitoring of student learning outcomes

- Peer review and personal responses to the review and practices
- Adoption of innovation by others
- Impact of innovation/initiative within university or wider
- Impact of mentoring on peers or colleagues
- Recognition from university national and international peers
- Nomination for a teaching award
- Success in a university, national or discipline teaching award
- Letters of invitation or thanks

Criterion 3: Assessment and giving feedback to students on their learning				
Design and execution of assess	Design and execution of assessment tasks that are aligned with student learning outcomes and the provision of appropriate and timely feedback.			
Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
■ Supports students to	Assessment tasks are well	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for
develop and demonstrate	designed to assess the	Level B and	Level C and	Level D and
the intended learning	intended learning			
outcomes	outcomes	Innovation in assessment	■ Provides leadership in the	Establishes effective
■ Timely feedback is	Supports students to	in units/degree programs	moderation, planning and	organisational policies
provided to students	develop and demonstrate	Provides leadership in the	delivery of course and	and/or strategies in the
■ For relevant student survey	the intended learning	moderation, planning and	degree assessment	support, supervision and
items, average or above	outcomes	delivery of unit and course	Successful coordination,	management of
average scores for two	A variety of assessment	assessment	support, supervision and	assessment, standards
consecutive years and in all	tasks are used	Monitors and changes	management of	and feedback for students
units taught e.g.	Provides students with	assessment practices to	assessment, standards and	Successful leadership/
The assessment	clear assessment criteria	improve student learning	feedback to students	mentoring of individuals
requirements were clearly	Provides students with	outcomes	Successful engagement and	and/or teams leading to
stated.	timely and consequential	Monitors the quality of	demonstration of	enhanced assessment,
• The assessment tasks	feedback	student learning	appropriate knowledge of	standards and
were closely linked to the unit objectives.	Innovation in assessment	outcomes (including	effective assessment	moderation
I receive constructive	in units/degree programs	English language	practices	
feedback that assists my	• For relevant student	proficiency)	Assessment and grading of	
learning.	survey items, average or	 Assessment and grading of nestgraduate thoses and 	postgraduate theses and	
I receive feedback in time	above average scores for two consecutive years	postgraduate theses and projects	projects	
to help me improve	and in all units taught	projects		
	and in an units taught			!
Indicative evidence				

- Unit/Course outline with assessment tasks and marking criteria
- Student surveys and feedback to students on response/outcomes
- Student feedback from focus groups
- Extracts from a number of units/courses showing variety of assessment tasks
- Feedback from course coordinator on assessment tasks and student outcomes.
- Examples of innovative assessment tasks
- Examples of standards of student learning
- Data evidencing impact of assessment innovation

- Use of learning analytics
- Feedback on role in establishing moderation and standards practices
- Examples of examiner reports and/or independently moderated student work
- Peer review of course assessment and response to review
- Examples of policies, practices and their implementation
- Peer recognition of leadership role and achievements

Criterion 4: Developing effective environments, student support and guidance				
Activities related to the creation of an engaging learning environment for students. Including; supporting transition, the development of learning				
communities and strategies that	at account for and encourage stu	udent equity and diversity.		
Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
Creates effective	Creates effective learning	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for
learning environments	environments (in	Level B and	Level C and	Level D and
(in classroom/	classroom/ online/work			
online/work placement	placement etc.)	Serves as a student	■ Initiative or innovation in	Leads effective
etc.)	Directs students to	advisor	supporting students and	organisational policies
Directs students to	appropriate support and	Demonstrates effective	the creation of engaging	and/or strategies for
appropriate support and	services and follows up to	practice in developing	learning environments	supporting students and
services	determine outcomes e.g.	learning communities	■ Leadership role in	developing engaging
Demonstrates respect	language and study skills	Initiative or innovation in	promoting effective	learning environments
and requires students to	or counselling	supporting students and	practices (in curriculum	Successful mentoring of
demonstrate respect for	Demonstrates respect	the creation of engaging	and teaching) that embed	individuals and/or teams
others	and requires students to	learning environments	principles of cultural	to support student
For the relevant student	demonstrate respect for	Demonstrates	diversity, equality,	diversity, student
Survey item, average or	others	understanding and	indigenous culture and	transition and learning
above average score for	Serves as a student	effective practice (in	traditions, support for	communities
two consecutive years	advisor	curriculum and teaching)	students with special	
and in all units e.g.	Initiative or innovation in	in embedding principles of	needs, and support for	
 The teacher treats me 	supporting students and	cultural diversity,	students in transition (e.g.	
with respect	creating supportive,	equality, indigenous	1 st year, postgrad)	
The teacher is available	engaging learning	culture and traditions,		
for consultation (e.g.	environments	support for students with		
email, online, face-to-face	For the relevant Student	special needs, and support		
or telephone)	Survey item, average or	for students in transition		
	above average score for	(e.g. 1 st year, postgrad)		
	two consecutive years			
	and in all units taught			
Indicative Evidence				

- Student surveys and feedback and responses to these
- Informal unsolicited student or peer feedback
- Details of role and engagement in learning communities (formal or informal)
- Use of learning analytics showing student engagement with student support services such as PASS and English Language Proficiency

- Feedback from students and peers relating to roles e.g. student advisor or leader in learning communities
- Extent and participation in innovation for student engagement
- Reports evaluating the effectiveness of targeted student support interventions on student retention and progression
- Feedback from peers or students mentored
- Examples of leadership role and outcomes

Criterion 5	: Integration of scholarship, res	search and professional activitie	es with teaching and in support	of learning
1: Teaching and learning resea	rch incorporated into teaching p	ractice.		
Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
Incorporates teaching	Incorporates teaching	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for
and learning scholarship	and learning scholarship	Level B and	Level C and	Level D and
into teaching practice	into teaching practice and			
and curriculum	curriculum development	Engages in teaching and	■Successful application	A sustained and
development	Applications for teaching	learning scholarship that	for awards, grants or	successful contribution to
■ Peer review of teaching	grants that have a clear	demonstrates research-	competitive funding	the research and/or
materials and curricula	theoretical and scholarly	informed and/or	related to teaching and	literature on scholarly
that demonstrate	basis (successful or	contemporary teaching	learning (as an	practice and theory in
engagement with the teaching/research nexus	unsuccessful) Peer review of teaching	within or across disciplines	individual or team	teaching Successful mentoring of
■ Engagement in	materials and curricula	■ Successful application for	member/leader)	others (individuals and/or
professional	that demonstrate	awards, grants or	■Leadership and	teams) in the scholarship
development related to	engagement with the	competitive funding	contribution at	of teaching and learning
T & L (including	teaching/research nexus	related to teaching and	(inter)national level in	• (Inter)national peer
engagement in teaching	■ Contribution, co-	learning (as an individual	professional	recognition of
and learning scholarship	authorship or authorship	or team member)	development or	contribution to
related to discipline	of publications,	Contributes to professional	disciplinary engagement	scholarship of teaching
and/or participation in	presentations or	development or	in the scholarship of	and learning in
teaching and learning	workshops on teaching	disciplinary engagement in	teaching and learning	discipline, sector, or
conferences/forums)	and learning	the scholarship of teaching	■ Peer recognition at (inter)	institution
	Contribution and	and learning at a national	national level detailing	Authorship/co-
	systematic participation	level (as an individual or	contribution to scholarly	authorship and
	in professional	team member)	teaching practice	systematic publication
	development or	■ Peer recognition at	■ Mentors and supports	relevant to teaching
	disciplinary engagement	national level detailing	junior colleagues in	and learning
	in the scholarship of teaching and learning	contribution to scholarly teaching practice	teaching and learning	
	teaching and learning	Authorship/co-authorship	scholarship	
		of publication/s in a	Authorship/co-authorship	
		nationally or	and systematic publication	
		internationally respected	relevant to teaching and	
		journal relevant to	learning	

	teaching and learning	

- Excerpts from unit/course materials demonstrating incorporation of current T & L research into teaching activities
- Details of grants and awards (successful and unsuccessful) and outcomes
- Details of conferences and presentations
- Copies of publications and details of contribution and impact
- References and letters from peers
- Details of mentoring roles and outcomes
- Details of leadership roles and contribution confirmation by peers
- Impact of projects, grants and other initiatives for the university or (inter)nationally
- TEQSA, OLT recognition as assessor or expert

- Excerpts from unit/course materials demonstrating the incorporation of current disciplinary research or the inclusion of research orientated tasks
- Student surveys and feedback
- Student participation in conferences, presentation of papers and/or publishing
- Number of students progressing to research degrees
- Number of postgraduate students supervised to completion, grades and time to completion
- Number of students in academic/research positions following graduation
- Peer review recognising role and contribution
- Receipt of prizes or awards by students supervised
- Peer review reports related to teaching/curriculum materials
- Adoption of teaching/curriculum materials by others
- Letters of reference from peers or invitations indication standing in discipline
- Assessor reports
- Details of leadership roles, duration, achievements

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Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
■ Use of authentic case studies, integration of industry experience and/or partnerships in teaching	 Use of authentic case studies, integration of industry experience and/or partnerships in teaching Understands and implements practices to ensure that industry experience and/or partnerships benefit student learning e.g. Work-based programs have clear educational expectations Induction and preparation of students prior to their work-based experience is effective Structured, critically reflective, self and peer learning processes are established for students during and after work-based learning placements Effective preparation and support of industry partners involved in work based practice and supervision of students, 	Meets the requirements for Level B and Coordination of discipline / program based programs in work-based learning Uses a variety of sources to monitor, evaluate and improve the integration of industry experience and/or partnerships in teaching Develops and maintains mature and robust relationships with industry partners/shows commitment to mutual benefit Innovation in practice and assessment related to WIL e.g. use of technology to enhance placements	Meets the requirements for Level C and Industry/ professional peer recognition Sustained innovation in practice and assessment related to WIL Establishes effective organisational policies and/or integrating workbased practice	Meets the requirements for Level D and Establishes and maintain effective organisational policies and/or strategies on integrating workbased practice Sustained leadership in work-based, professional practice at discipline and /or (inter)national level Sustained industry/ professional peer recognition

e.g.

- Familiarises industry partners/supervisory staff with students' prior learning
- Provides induction/professional development for industry partners/supervisory staff e.g. development of leadership capabilities
- Includes all stakeholders in communication, development and innovation
- Consults with industry to identify and align teaching and curriculum with desired graduate attributes, technical skills and knowledge

Indicative Evidence

- Excerpts from Unit/Course materials demonstrating the integration of case studies and/or industry experience
- Feedback from students on experience
- Extent of participation by students, industry
- Letters or surveys of industry satisfaction on preparation of students for practice
- Peer review of professional /authentic experience
- Invitations to work with industry, letters of support from industry
- Feedback from industry partners indicating alignment between industry requirements and learning outcomes
- Feedback from industry partners indicating the efficacy of programs in preparing graduates for professional practice

	Criterion 6: Evaluation	n of practice and continuing pro	fessional development	
Lecturer (A)	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
■ Engages in professional development activities related to teaching and learning ■ Participation in teaching related professional development (e.g. induction program)	Systematic participation in teaching related professional development activities Successful completion of Foundation of University Teaching program (or equivalent) Completion of HDR supervision training Undertaking a Grad Cert in Teaching Membership of disciplinary teaching network (internal, eg T & L network, external eg, HERDSA, OLT) Attendance, participation in teaching and learning related conferences.	Meets the requirements for Level B and Contribution and participation in professional development activities in university, discipline, faculty Completion of a Grad Cert in Teaching Mentoring and peer review of colleagues in teaching Presentation at (peer reviewed) teaching and learning related conferences	Meets the requirements for Level C and Leadership and contribution in the provision of professional development of others Mentoring and peer review of colleagues in teaching Completion of a Grad Cert in Teaching Evidence of a sustained and successful commitment to and engagement in, continuing professional development related to academic, institutional and/or other professional practice	Meets the requirements for Level D and Sustained and successful commitment to and engagement in continuing professional development related to academic, institutional and/or other professional practice at (inter)national level Contributes to and/or leads professional development courses
 Self-evaluation leading to changes in teaching practice Student and peer feedback is used to enhance teaching practice For relevant student survey items, average or above average scores for two consecutive years and in all units taught e.g. 	 Self-evaluation leading to changes in teaching practice and student outcomes Student and peer feedback is used to enhance teaching practice Average or above average score for two consecutive years and in all Units 	 Successful achievement in roles such as mentor, peer reviewer, Chair of committees etc. 	 Successful achievement in roles such as mentor, peer reviewer, Chair of committees etc. Average or above average score for four consecutive years in all Unit/Courses taught in student surveys 	 Establishing effective organisational policies and/or strategies in supporting and promoting others (e.g. through mentoring, coaching) in evaluation of teaching National impact and peer recognition

Overall, the	taught in student surveys.	
tutor/teacher		
effectively supports		
my learning		

- Student surveys, comments and feedback
- Peer review on a range of dimensions of teaching
- Mapping achievements and experience to professional standards frameworks
- Application for teaching fellowship (HERDSA, HEA)
- Certificates/ transcripts of professional development undertaken, duration, changes made as a consequence
- Details and examples of the impact of the change in practice, evidence of changes in student, peer evaluation
- Details of contribution to the professional development, mentoring of others, and outcomes
- Invitations to present keynote at T & L and disciplinary conferences
- Teaching Portfolio demonstrating reflective practice
- Examples of leadership contribution in professional development and evaluation

	Criterion 7	7: Professional and personal eff	ectiveness	
Lastrinov (A)	Lasturay (D)	Coming Lookygon (C)	Associate Duefesseu (D)	Duofesseu (E)
Lecturer (A) Professional qualities	Lecturer (B)	Senior Lecturer (C)	Associate Professor (D)	Professor (E)
Is aware of and consciously	Demonstrates progress	Demonstrates attainment of	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for
developing professional	towards the majority of	the professional qualities	Level C and	Level D and
qualities listed under level	the professional qualities	listed in Level B and	Level C and	Level D allu
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	 Taking ownership and management of teaching role Demonstrating effective preparation and prioritisation Demonstrating commitment to continuing professional development in discipline and T & L Responding positively to opportunities and new approaches Communicating effectively in both formal and informal contexts Application of professional ethical practices in work and in teaching contexts 	Demonstrates progress of further professional qualities of: Contributing positively in membership (and leadership) role(s) in teaching teams and committees etc. Building relationships, being approachable and interacting constructively with others, managing expectations and resolving conflict	Demonstrates further professional qualities such as: Engaging in proactive mentorship and support of students, junior colleagues and peers to develop professional qualities Supervising, mentoring and developing the potential of less experienced teachers and colleagues through support and advice	Demonstrates further professional qualities such as: Proactive sustained leadership and contribution to the development of professional qualities at the university, sector/disciplinary and/or (inter)national Building and sustaining collaborative relationships and working proactively to create and develop capacity of a range of stakeholders
Personal qualities	I	I	l	Taa
Is aware of and consciously	Demonstrates progress	Demonstrates attainment of	Meets the requirements for	Meets the requirements for
developing personal qualities listed under	towards developing personal qualities of:	the personal qualities listed in Level B	Level C and	Level D and
level B	Approaching teaching	iisteu iii Level B	Demonstrates further	Demonstrates further
level b	with enthusiasm, passion		personal qualities such as:	personal qualities such as:
	with charasiasin, passion		personal qualities sucil as.	personal qualities sucil as.

Average or above average
scores for two
consecutive years and in
all units taught for
relevant items in student
survey e.g.

 The teacher demonstrates enthusiasm in teaching the unit

- and confidence
- Demonstrating resilience and perseverance in the face of obstacles
- Demonstrating time management of self and work to ensure others are not delayed in their work
- Demonstrating selfreflective evaluation of practices and relationships
- Demonstrating commitment and interest in students and their learning

 Proactive and effective mentorship and support of students, junior colleagues and peers to develop personal qualities Building and sustaining proactive and effective collaborative relationships and working proactively to create and develop capacity of a range of stakeholders

Indicative Evidence

- 360 degree leadership feedback
- Team and program awards
- Committee contribution
- Collaborative teaching and learning grants, publications
- Industry, professional awards/recognition
- Details of mentoring roles and outcomes
- Feedback from staff mentored
- Details of leadership roles and confirmation of contribution from peers
- Letters of reference and/or thanks