

Graduate Diploma of Natural and Cultural Resource Management

Course Description

This course provides specialist skills and professional development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage officers, Land Management facilitators, Cultural Heritage site managers, Elders and Cultural Educationists. Please note that applicants must be 23 years of age and over.

A key focus of the course revolves around the exploration and convergence of Western science values and Indigenous knowledge which is currently developing the processes and protocols that underpin a new collaborative approach to the management of both natural and cultural resources in Australia. The course can lead into Master by Research or Master of Environmental Management.

Study is delivered in a **Community Based** intensive mode. Students come to the Deakin Geelong campus for two weeks at a time, **6 times per year**. Students stay at the Kitjarra residences.

Skill Development

- Understand key issues in the protection and management of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, land and knowledge
- Critical analysis
- Interpretation of natural and cultural heritage
- Oral communication and public speaking

- Designing Projects
- Planning and management approaches
- Field based research and oral history
- Understanding environmental legislation
- Development of processes and protocols for collaborative management
- Preparation for further post-graduate study

Length of Course

The course can be completed in one and a half years full-time, or 2 years part-time. The course is designed for maximum flexibility and draws students from all around Australia who

bring with them their own knowledge and experience. The course draws heavily on the expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and Community representatives and relies on field trips and Community visitations to expand students' knowledge base.

Course Structure and Units

Year 1

Semester 1 Units

- **SQE744** - Interpreting Natural and Cultural Landscape.
- **SQE741** - Natural and Cultural Resources.
- **SQE735** - Natural and Cultural Land Management Issues.

Semester 2 Units

- **SQE742** - Planning and Techniques of Interpretation.
- **SQE706** - National Parks and Protected Area Management.
- **SQE734** – Community Project Management.

Year 2

Semester 1

- **SQE716** – Recycling & Waste Minimisation
- **SQE743** – Research Project on Interpretation

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Travel is arranged by the Institute of Koorie Education. Accommodation and meals are supplied at the Institute's Kitjarra Student Residency / Study Centre.



Kitjarra Student Residency / Study Centre

Application Procedures

For application forms ring the Institute of Koorie Education on (03) 52272538 or contact Lecturers on: (03)52271459 or visit the IKE Website on www.deakin.edu.au/ike then:

1. Complete the Institute of Koorie Education Application Form;
2. Sign the personal declaration and;
3. Attach an endorsed Proof of Aboriginality (a letter signed by local Aboriginal Community Organisation);

Interviews will be arranged once the completed application has been submitted to the address below.

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